



Malachi: Healing Love | Malachi 4:1-6

1. What does Malachi 4:1 say will happen to the arrogant and evildoers? By contrast, how does verse 2 describe the future of those who fear the Lord? What imagery is used for judgment and healing in verses 1-2?
2. What does verse 3 say the righteous will do to the wicked? Feeling uncomfortable...? What, do you think, do these verses mean?
3. What command does God give in verse 4? Why is it significant? How can we actively "remember" God's commands in our daily lives (v.4)?
4. What does the "day of the Lord" represent in this passage? Who does God promise to send before the "great and dreadful day of the Lord" (v.5)?
5. What will Elijah do according to verse 6, and why is this important? What lessons can we learn from the role of Elijah in preparing people's hearts for God? How can we be peacemakers and reconcile relationships in light of verse 6?
6. Why is fire used as a symbol for judgment in verse 1? What does "the sun of righteousness" symbolize in verse 2?
7. How does Malachi 4 connect to the coming of Jesus and John the Baptist (see Matthew 11:14, Luke 1:17)?
8. What is the significance of the call to remember the law of Moses (v.4) in this closing prophecy?
9. What does verse 6 mean by turning "the hearts of the fathers to their children" and vice versa?
10. How does this passage serve as a transition from the Old Testament to the New Testament? How does this chapter give you hope for the future?
11. How should the promise of God's coming judgment affect the way we live today and in what ways do you see God's healing and restoration at work in your life (v.2)?



What did you discover about God in this passage?
What did you discover about people in this passage?
How will you commit to obey this passage this week?
With whom will you share what you have learned?

