

TREASURES

OF

GOD

Malachi 3:13-18

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13 Your words have been stout against me, saith the LORD. Yet ye say, What have we spoken so much against thee?

14 Ye have said, It is vain to serve God: and what profit is it that we have kept his ordinance, and that we have walked mournfully before the LORD of hosts?

15 And now we call the proud happy; yea, they that work wickedness are set up; yea, they that tempt God are even delivered.

16 Then they that feared the LORD spake often one to another: and the LORD hearkened, and heard it, and a book of remembrance was written before him for them that feared the LORD, and that thought upon his name.

Malachi 3:13-18 - continued

17 And they shall be mine, saith the LORD of hosts, in that day when I make up my jewels; and I will spare them, as a man spareth his own son that serveth him.

18 Then shall ye return, and discern between the righteous and the wicked, between him that serveth God and him that serveth him not.

I. The Faithless Servants (3:13-15)

A. They spoke harshly to the Lord (v 13)

“Your words have been stout against me...”

1. From doubt

Malachi 1:2

“...ye say, Wherein hast thou loved us?...”

2. From disagreement

Malachi 1:12

“...ye say, The table of the Lord is polluted; and the fruit thereof, even his meat, is contemptible.”

I. The Faithless Servants (3:13-15)

A. They spoke harshly to the Lord (v 13) - continued

“Your words have been stout against me...”

3. From disobedience

Malachi 2:14

“...ye say, Wherefore? Because the LORD hath been witness between thee and the wife of thy youth, against whom thou hast dealt treacherously: yet is she thy companion, and the wife of thy covenant.”

4. From disgust

Malachi 2:17

“...When ye say, Every one that doeth evil is good in the sight of the Lord, and he delighteth in them; or, Where is the God of judgment?”

I. The Faithless Servants (3:13-15)

B. They had an ungodly view of service (v 14)

1. They said it was unimportant to serve God

“... It is vain to serve God..”

2. They said it was unprofitable to serve God

“What profit is it that we have kept his ordinance...”

3. They said it was unproductive

“.. and that we have walked mournfully before the LORD of hosts?”

I. The Faithless Servants (3:13-15)

C. They were showing sarcasm toward God (v 15)

1. They accused God of lifting up the prideful and arrogant

“And now we call the proud happy ...”

2. They accused God of lifting up the wicked

“.. they that work wickedness are set up ...”

3. They accused Him of exempting those that tempt God

“... they that tempt God are even delivered ...”

II. The Faithful Servants (3:16-18)

A. God declares His listening to the faithful (v 16)

1. Due to their reverential fear of God

Psalm 34:11-15

11 Come, ye children, hearken unto me: I will teach you the fear of the LORD.

12 What man is he that desireth life, and loveth many days, that he may see good?

13 Keep thy tongue from evil, and thy lips from speaking guile.

14 Depart from evil, and do good; seek peace, and pursue it.

15 The eyes of the LORD are upon the righteous, and his ears are open unto their cry.

II. The Faithful Servants (3:16-18)

A. God declares His listening to the faithful (v 16) – cont'd

2. Due to their thinking being focused on God

Proverbs 23:7a

For as he thinketh in his heart, so is he:

II. The Faithful Servants (3:16-18)

B. God declares His remembrance of the faithful (v 16)

1. Because they were faithful in worship

2. Because they were faithful in their study together

3. Because they were faithful in focusing their mind on the things of God

II. The Faithful Servants (3:16-18)

C. God declares the preciousness of the faithful (v 17)

1. It speaks of His ownership

2 Timothy 2:19

Nevertheless the foundation of God standeth sure, having this seal, The Lord knoweth them that are his. And, let every one that nameth the name of Christ depart from iniquity.

1 Corinthians 6:19-20

19 What? know ye not that your body is the temple of the Holy Ghost which is in you, which ye have of God, and ye are not your own?

20 For ye are bought with a price: therefore glorify God in your body, and in your spirit, which are God's.

2. It speaks of our preciousness in His eyes

II. The Faithful Servants (3:16-18)

D. God declares His grace that delivers the faithful (v 17)

1. We will not be spared because we deserved it

Romans 5:8

But God commendeth his love toward us, in that, while we were yet sinners, Christ died for us.

2. We will not be spared because we earn it

Ephesians 2:8-9

8 For by grace are ye saved through faith; and that not of yourselves: it is the gift of God:

9 Not of works, lest any man should boast.

II. The Faithful Servants (3:16-18)

**D. God declares His grace that delivers the faithful (v 17)
– continued**

3. We will be spared because of God's free grace

John 3:16

For God so loved the world, that he gave his only begotten Son, that whosoever believeth in him should not perish, but have everlasting life.

Romans 3:24

Being justified freely by his grace through the redemption that is in Christ Jesus:

Faithful
Or
Faithless?