

***The Last
Word***

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4 Remember ye the law of Moses my servant, which I commanded unto him in Horeb for all Israel, with the statutes and judgments.

5 Behold, I will send you Elijah the prophet before the coming of the great and dreadful day of the LORD:

6 And he shall turn the heart of the fathers to the children, and the heart of the children to their fathers, lest I come and smite the earth with a curse.

I. A Perspective To Have (4:2)

Malachi 4:2

But unto you that fear my name shall the Sun of righteousness arise with healing in his wings; and ye shall go forth, and grow up as calves of the stall.

I. A Perspective To Have (4:2)

A. Respect for Christ

Acts 10:35

But in every nation he that feareth him, and worketh righteousness, is accepted with him.

B. Restoration of Christ

Galatians 1:4

Who gave himself for our sins, that he might deliver us from this present evil world, according to the will of God and our Father:

I. A Perspective To Have (4:2)

C. Reward from Christ

Genesis 15:1

After these things the word of the Lord came unto Abram in a vision, saying, Fear not, Abram: I am thy shield, and thy exceeding great reward.

II. A Proclamation To Follow (4:4-6)

A. Remember the Law (v 4)

1. To stay pure

Psalm 119:11

Thy word have I hid in mine heart, that I might not sin against thee.

2. To gain wisdom and understanding

Proverbs 2:1-2

1 My son, if thou wilt receive my words, and hide my commandments with thee;

2 So that thou incline thine ear unto wisdom, and apply thine heart to understanding;

II. A Proclamation To Follow (4:4-6)

B. Look for Elijah (v 5-6)

1. The person (?) of the day

a. The OT Elijah

Matthew 17:3

And, behold, there appeared unto them Moses and Elias talking with him.

b. The NT John the Baptist

Luke 1:17

And he shall go before him in the spirit and power of Elias, to turn the hearts of the fathers to the children, and the disobedient to the wisdom of the just; to make ready a people prepared for the Lord.

II. A Proclamation To Follow (4:4-6)

B. Look for Elijah (v 5-6)

2. His presence before the day

2 Peter 3:9

The Lord is not slack concerning his promise, as some men count slackness; but is longsuffering to us-ward, not willing that any should perish, but that all should come to repentance.

II. A Proclamation To Follow (4:4-6)

B. Look for Elijah (v 5-6)

3. His preaching before the day

a. The great Day of Judgment is coming

Jeremiah 30:7

Alas! for that day *is* great, so that none *is* like it: it *is* even the time of Jacob's trouble; but he shall be saved out of it.

b. Turn your hearts back to God

Lamentations 5:21

Turn thou us unto thee, O LORD, and we shall be turned; renew our days as of old.

c. Avoid utter destruction

Zechariah 14:11

And *men* shall dwell in it, and there shall be no more utter destruction; but Jerusalem shall be safely inhabited.

*Let God
Have
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