

MALACHI

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To Serve God, or Not to Serve God...

Malachi 3:13-18

NOTES:

Israel: It doesn't _____ (verses 13-15)

"You have said harsh things against me," says the LORD.

"Yet you ask, 'What have we said against you?'"

"You have said, 'It is futile to serve God. What did we gain by carrying out his requirements and going about like mourners before the LORD Almighty? But now we call the arrogant blessed. Certainly the evildoers prosper, and even those who challenge God escape.'"

Deuteronomy 10:12,13

Psalm 10

Psalm 37

Psalm 73

Psalm 94

_____ - _____ (verse 16)

Then those who feared the LORD talked with each other, and the LORD listened and heard. A scroll of remembrance was written in his presence concerning those who feared the LORD and honored his name.

The LORD: It _____ matter (verses 17,18 and 4:1a)

"They will be mine," says the LORD Almighty, "in the day when I make up my treasured possession. I will spare them, just as in compassion a man spares his son who serves him. And you will again see the distinction between the righteous and the wicked, between those who serve God and those who do not.

"Surely the day is coming."

Galatians 6:7-9

We must _____ that serving God matters

so that we _____

because _____

Application/Reflection Questions

1. Do you ever find yourself envying the wicked? Read through Psalm 10, Psalm 37, Psalm 73, and Psalm 94
2. Would it be true and accurate to say that you fear the LORD and honor his name?
3. Would it be good for you to write a "scroll of remembrance"? What will yours say?

SONGS

LORD, I NEED YOU
SEE A VICTORY
GRATITUDE
THE STAND

NEXT WEEK'S PASSAGE

Malachi 4:1-6

BUDGET

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2025 Giving vs Need: \$178,714.71 Below Need
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