

& it came to pass that he commanded them that they should write the words which the Father had given unto Malachi which he should tell unto them & it came to pass that after they were written he expounded them & these are the words which he did tell unto them saying thus said the Father unto Malachi behold I will send my messenger & he shall prepare the way before me & the Lord whom ye seek shall suddenly come to his Temple even the messenger of the covenant whom ye delight in behold he shall come saith the Lord of Hosts

but **who** may abide the **of** day of his coming & who shall stand when he appearith, for he is like a refiners fire & like fullers soap

& he shall sit as a refiner & purifier of Silver & he shall purify the Sons of Levi & purge them as Gold & Silver that they may offer unto the Lord an Offering in righteousness

then shall the Offering of Judah & Jerusalem be pleasant unto the Lord as in the days of old & as in former years

& I will come near to you to Judgment & I will be a swift witness against the sorcerers & against the adulterers & against false swearers & against those that oppress the hireling in his wages the widow & the Fatherless & that turn aside the stranger & fear not me saith the Lord of Hosts

for I am the Lord I change not therefore ye Sons of Jacob are not consumed

even from the days of your Fathers ye are gone away from mine ordinanc[**c**]es & have not kept them, return unto me & I will return unto you saith the Lord of Hosts but ye said wherein shall we return

will a man rob God yet ye have robbed me but ye say wherein have we robbed thee in tithes & offerings

ye are cursed with a curse for ye have robbed me even this whole nation

CHAPTER 24

The Lord's messenger will prepare the way for the Second Coming—Christ will sit in judgment—Israel is commanded to pay tithes and offerings—A book of remembrance is kept—Compare Malachi 3. About A.D. 34.

¹**And** it came to pass that he commanded them that they should write the words which the Father had given unto Malachi, which he should tell unto them. **And** it came to pass that after they were written he expounded them. **And** these are the words which he did tell unto them, saying: **Thus** said the Father unto Malachi—**Behold**, I will send my messenger, **and** he shall prepare the way before me, **and** the Lord whom ye seek shall suddenly come to his temple, even the messenger of the covenant, whom ye del[**l**]ight in; behold, he shall come, saith the Lord of Hosts.

²**But who** may abide the [**X**] day of his com[**l**]ing, **and** who shall stand when he appeareth? **For** he is like a refiner's fire, **and** like fuller's soap.

³**And** he shall sit as a refiner **and** purifier of silver; **and** he shall purify the sons of Levi, **and** purge them as gold **and** silver, that they may offer unto the Lord an offering in righteousness.

⁴**Then** shall the offering of Judah **and** Jerusalem be pleasant unto the Lord, as in the days of old, **and** as in former years.

⁵**And** I will come near to you to judgment; **and** I will be a swift witness against the sorcerers, **and** against the adulterers, **and** against false swearers, **and** against those that oppress the hireling in his wages, the widow **and** the fatherless, **and** that turn aside the stranger, **and** fear not me, saith the Lord of Hosts.

⁶**For** I am the Lord, I change not; therefore ye sons of Jacob are not consumed.

⁷**Even** from the days of your fathers ye are gone away from mine ordinanc[**l**]es, **and** have not kept them. **Return** unto me **and** I will return unto you, saith the Lord of Hosts. **But** ye say[**l**]: **Wherein** shall we return?

⁸**Will** a man rob God? **Yet** ye have robbed me. **But** ye say: **Wherein** have we robbed thee? **In** tithes **and** offerings.

⁹**Ye** are cursed with a curse, for ye have robbed me, even this whole nation.

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bring ye all the tithes into the storehouse that there may be meat in my house and prove me now herewith ~~sayeth~~^{saith} the Lord of Hosts if I will not open you the windows of Heaven & pour you out a blessing that there shall not be room enough to receive it

& I will rebuke the devourer for your sakes & he shall **403** not destroy the fruits of your ground neither shall your vine cast her fruit before the time in the field saith the Lord of Hosts

& all Nations shall call you Blessed for ye shall be a delightsome land saith the Lord of Hosts.

your words have been stout against me saith Lord yet ye say wha^t have we spoken against thee

ye have said it is vain to serve God & what doth it profit that we have kept his ordinances & that we have walked mournfully before the Lord of hosts

& now we call the proud happy yea they that work wickedness are set up yea them that tempt God are even delivered

then they that feared the Lord spake often one to another & the Lord hearkened & heard & a Book of remembrance **was** written before him for them that feared the Lord & that thought upon his name

& they shall be mine saith the Lord of Hosts in that day when I make up my Jewels & I will spare them as a man spareth his own Son that serveth him

then shall ye return & discern between the righteous & the wicked between him that serveth God & him that serveth him not

¹⁰**Bring** ye all the tithes into the storehouse, that there may be meat in my house; and prove me now herewith, [_ _ _ _ _] **saith** the Lord of Hosts, if I will not open you the windows of **heaven, and** pour you out a blessing that there shall not be room enough to receive it.

¹¹**And** I will rebuke the devourer for your sakes, **and** he shall not destroy the fruits of your ground; neither shall your vine cast her fruit before the time in the fields, saith the Lord of Hosts.

¹²**And** all **nations** shall call you **blessed**, for ye shall be a delightsome land, saith the Lord of Hosts.

¹³**Your** words have been stout against me, saith **the** Lord. **Yet** ye say: **What** have we spoken against thee?

¹⁴**Ye** have said: **It** is vain to serve God, **and** what doth it profit that we have kept his ordinances **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; **and** a **book** of remembrance **was** written before him for them that feared the Lord, **and** that thought upon his name.

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.