

3rd Nephi 24

¹& 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
²but **who** may abide the day of his coming
& who shall stand when he appearith,
for he is like a refiners fire & like fullers soap
³& 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
⁴then shall the Offering of Judah & Jerusalem be pleasant unto the Lord
as in the days of old & as in former years

⁵& 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
⁶for I am the Lord I change not
therefore ye Sons of Jacob are not consumed

⁷even from the days of your Fathers
ye are gone away from mine ordinances & have not kept them,
return unto me & I will return unto you saith the Lord of Hosts
but ye said wherein shall we return
⁸will a man rob God
yet ye have robbed me
but ye say
wherein have we robbed thee
in tithes & offerings
⁹ye are cursed with a curse
for ye have robbed me even this whole nation

¹⁰bring 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
¹¹& I will rebuke the devourer for your sakes
& he shall 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
¹²& all Nations shall call you Blessed
for ye shall be a delightsome land
saith the Lord of Hosts.

¹³your words have been stout against me saith Lord
yet ye say what have we spoken against thee
¹⁴ye 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
¹⁵& now we call the proud happy
yea they that work wickedness are set up
yea them that tempt God are even delivered
¹⁶then 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
¹⁷& 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
¹⁸then shall ye return & discern between the righteous & the wicked
between him that serveth God & him that serveth him not