

Series: Wake-up Call
Passage: Malachi 2:17-3:5
Sunday: November 12, 2023

Malachi 2:17-3:5 (ESV)

The Messenger of the LORD

¹⁷ You have wearied the LORD with your words. But you say, “How have we wearied him?” By saying, “Everyone who does evil is good in the sight of the LORD, and he delights in them.” Or by asking, “Where is the God of justice?”

3 “Behold, I send my messenger, and he will prepare the way before me. And the Lord whom you seek will suddenly come to his temple; and the messenger of the covenant in whom you delight, behold, he is coming, says the LORD of hosts. ² But who can endure the day of his coming, and who can stand when he appears? For he is like a refiner’s fire and like fullers’ soap. ³ He will sit as a refiner and purifier of silver, and he will purify the sons of Levi and refine them like gold and silver, and they will bring offerings in righteousness to the LORD. ⁴ Then the offering of Judah and Jerusalem will be pleasing to the LORD as in the days of old and as in former years.

⁵ “Then I will draw near to you for judgment. I will be a swift witness against the sorcerers, against the adulterers, against those who swear falsely, against those who oppress the hired worker in his wages, the widow and the fatherless, against those who thrust aside the sojourner, and do not fear me, says the LORD of hosts.

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1. How does society take something that is evil and make it a norm? Point out something evil that is considered normal in our world.

 2. Malachi 2:17 opens with another dispute between God and His people. What has God grown weary about? What about their circumstances might have led Israel to complain in this manner?

 3. Read Mark 1:1-15 and then Malachi 3:1 again. Who are the two messengers in verse 1? What are their roles?

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4. Who is like a refiner's fire? Why must he be like a refiner's fire? Why does God want to purify His people?

5. What are the things that God despises and wishes to judge (verse 5)? Try not to think about just the actions, but also the behaviors, thoughts, feelings, and attitudes afflicted with each action listed.

6. When you consider the things God despises and will judge, what problems surface in your own walk with Him? What can you do to rid yourself of these things?

7. How is this passage a wake-up call for you?