Series: Wake-up Call
Passage: Malachi 3:13-18
Sunday: November 26, 2023

Malachi 3:13-18 (ESV)

13 "Your words have been hard against me, says the LORD. But you say, 'How have we spoken against you?'
14 You have said, 'It is vain to serve God. What is the profit of our keeping his charge or of walking as in
mourning before the LORD of hosts? 15 And now we call the arrogant blessed. Evildoers not only prosper but
they put God to the test and they escape.' "

The Book of Remembrance

16 Then those who feared the LORD spoke with one another. The LORD paid attention and heard them, and a
book of remembrance was written before him of those who feared the LORD and esteemed his name. 17 "They
shall be mine, says the LORD of hosts, in the day when I make up my treasured possession, and I will spare
them as a man spares his son who serves him. 18 Then once more you shall see the distinction between the
righteous and the wicked, between one who serves God and one who does not serve him.

1. Have you ever been in a situation where you felt it was worthless to keep following God? Why did you feel that way?

2. According to verses 13-15 why is it so hard for the Israelites to be faithful and serve God?

3. Have you found yourself being infuriated by other's arrogance? What is it about evil people prospering that makes us so easily angered? What is the root cause of these feelings?

4. In verse 16, what is a Book of Remembrance? What is the purpose of it?

5. What encouragement did Malachi offer to those that feared God?

6. Malachi seems to present two groups in this passage. Those that are apathetic and skeptical of God and those that fear him. Which group do you find yourself in today?

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