

# Malachi 3:2-18

## So a Book of Remembrance Was Written

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Malachi 2:17 You have wearied the Lord with your words; yet you say, "In what way have we wearied Him?" In that you say, "Everyone who **does evil is good in the sight of the Lord**, and He delights in them," or, "Where is the God of justice?"

Malachi 3:1 "Behold, I send My messenger [**John the Baptist – 400 years later**], and he will **prepare the way before Me [Jesus]**. and the Lord, whom you seek, will suddenly come to His temple, even the Messenger of the covenant [**New Covenant – Jeremiah 31:31-33**], in whom you delight. Behold, He is coming [**first coming**]," Says the Lord of hosts. 2 "But who can endure the day of His coming [second coming]? And who can stand when He appears? For He is like a refiner's fire and like launderers' soap. 3 He will sit as a refiner and a purifier of silver; He will purify the sons of Levi, and purge them as gold and silver, that they may offer to the Lord an offering in righteousness. (See Amos 5:18-21)

Amos 5:18 **Woe to you who desire the day of the Lord! For what good is the day of the Lord to you? It will be darkness, and not light.** 19 It will be as though a man fled from a lion, and a bear met him! Or as though he went into the house, leaned his hand on the wall, and a serpent bit him! **20 Is not the day of the Lord darkness, and not light? Is it not very dark, with no brightness in it?** **21 "I hate, I despise your feast days, and I do not savor your sacred assemblies.**

Malachi 3:4 "Then the offering of Judah and Jerusalem will be pleasant to the Lord, as in the days of old, as in former years. 5 And I will come near you for judgment; I will be a swift witness against sorcerers, against adulterers, against perjurers, against those who exploit wage earners and widows and orphans, and against those who turn away an alien — because they do not fear Me," says the Lord of hosts. 6 "For I am the Lord, I do not change; therefore you are not consumed, O sons of Jacob. 7 Yet from the days of your fathers you have gone away from My ordinances and have not kept them. **Return to Me, and I will return to you,**" Says the Lord of hosts. "But you said, 'In what way shall we return?'

James 4:7 Therefore submit to God. Resist the devil and he will flee from you. **8 Draw near to God and He will draw near to you. Cleanse your hands, you sinners; and purify your hearts, you double-minded.** 9 Lament and mourn and weep! Let your laughter be turned to mourning and your joy to gloom. 10 Humble yourselves in the sight of the Lord, and He will lift you up.

Malachi 3:8 "Will a man rob God? Yet you have robbed Me! But you say, 'In what way have we robbed You?' In tithes and offerings. 9 You are cursed with a curse, for you have robbed Me, even this whole nation. 10 Bring all the tithes into the storehouse, that there may be food in My house, and try Me now in this," Says the Lord of hosts, "If I will not open for you the windows of heaven and pour out for you such blessing that there will not be room enough to receive it.

Judg 17:1 Now there was a man from the mountains of Ephraim, whose name was Micah. 2 And he said to his mother, "The eleven hundred shekels of silver that were taken from you, and on which you put a curse, even saying it in my ears — here is the silver with me; I took it." And his mother said, "May you be blessed by the Lord, my son!" 3 So when he had returned the eleven hundred shekels of silver to his mother, his mother said, "I had wholly dedicated the silver from my hand to the Lord for my son, to make a carved image and a molded image; now therefore, I will return it to

you." 4 Thus he returned the silver to his mother. Then his mother took two hundred shekels of silver and gave them to the silversmith, and he made it into a carved image and a molded image; and they were in the house of Micah. 5 The man Micah had a shrine, and **made an ephod** and household idols; and he **consecrated one of his sons**, who **became his priest**. 6 **In those days there was no king in Israel; everyone did what was right in his own eyes.** 7 Now there was a young man from Bethlehem in Judah, of the family of Judah; **he was a Levite**, and was staying there. 8 The man departed from the city of Bethlehem in Judah to stay wherever he could find a place. Then he came to the mountains of Ephraim, to the house of Micah, as he journeyed. 9 And Micah said to him, "Where do you come from?" So he said to him, "I am a Levite from Bethlehem in Judah, and I am on my way to find a place to stay." 10 Micah said to him, "Dwell with me, and be a father **and a priest to me**, and I will give you ten shekels of silver per year, a suit of clothes, and your sustenance." So the Levite went in. 11 Then the Levite was content to dwell with the man; and the young man became like one of his sons to him. 12 So Micah consecrated the Levite, and the young man became his priest, and lived in the house of Micah. 13 Then Micah said, "**Now I know that the Lord will be good to me, since I have a Levite as priest!**"

Neh 10:35 And we made ordinances to bring the firstfruits of our ground and the firstfruits of all fruit of all trees, year by year, **to the house of the Lord**; 36 to bring the firstborn of our sons and our cattle, as it is written in the Law, and the firstborn of our herds and our flocks, to the house of our God, to the priests **who minister in the house of our God**; 37 to bring the firstfruits of our dough, our offerings, the fruit from all kinds of trees, the new wine and oil, **to the priests**, to the storerooms of the house of our God; and to bring the tithes of our land to the Levites, for the Levites should receive the tithes in all our farming communities.

Neh 13:6 But during all this I was not in Jerusalem, for in the thirty-second year of Artaxerxes king of Babylon I had returned to the king. Then after certain days I obtained leave from the king, 7 and I came to Jerusalem and discovered the evil that Eliashib had done for Tobiah, in preparing a room for him in the **courts of the house of God**. 8 And it grieved me bitterly; therefore I threw all the household goods of Tobiah out of the room. 9 Then I commanded them to cleanse the rooms; and I brought back into them the articles of the house of God, with the grain offering and the frankincense. 10 I also realized that **the portions for the Levites had not been given them**; for each of the Levites and the singers who did the work **had gone back to his field**. 11 So I contended with the rulers, and said, "Why is the house of God forsaken?" And I gathered them together and set them in their place.

Malachi 3:10 Bring all the tithes into the storehouse, that there may be food in My house, and try Me now in this," Says the Lord of hosts, "If I will not open for you the windows of heaven and pour out for you such blessing that there will not be room enough to receive it.

1 Tim 5:17 Let the elders who rule well be counted worthy of double honor, especially those who labor in the word and doctrine. 18 For the Scripture says, "You shall not muzzle an ox while it treads out the grain," and, "The laborer is worthy of his wages."

Malachi 3:11 "And I will rebuke the devourer for your sakes, so that he will not destroy the fruit of your ground, nor shall the vine fail to bear fruit for you in the field," says the Lord of hosts; 12 and all nations will call you blessed, for you will be a delightful land," says the Lord of hosts. 13 "Your words have been harsh against Me," Says the Lord, "Yet you say, 'What have we spoken against You?' 14 You have said, 'It is useless to serve God; what profit is it that we have kept His ordinance, and that we have walked as mourners before the Lord of hosts? 15 So now we call the proud blessed, for those who do wickedness are raised up; they even tempt God and go free.'" 16 Then those who feared the Lord spoke to one another, and the Lord listened and heard them; so a **book of remembrance was written** before Him for **those who fear the Lord** and who meditate on **His name**. 17 "They [those who fear God] shall be Mine," says the Lord of hosts, "On

the day that I make them My jewels. And I will spare them as a man spares his own son who serves him."  
18 Then you shall again discern between the righteous and the wicked, between one who serves God and one who does not serve Him.