

**THE BOOK OF MALACHI –
“MESSENGERS OF THE LORD”**

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Theme:

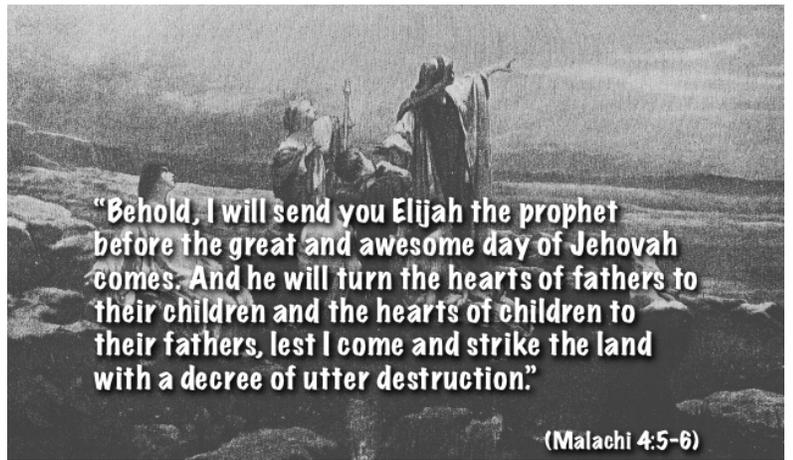
As messengers of the Lord:

-Then and now,

proclaim to each generation

The Law and The Gospel

- Properly distinguished - but boldly spoken



A. THE TEXT: (Malachi 4:6)

(1) *"For behold, **the day is coming**, burning like an oven, when all the arrogant and all evildoers will be stubble. **The day that is coming** shall set them ablaze, says **the Lord of hosts**, so that it will leave them neither root nor branch.*

(2) *But for you who fear **my name**, **the sun of righteousness shall rise with healing in its wings**. You shall go out leaping like calves from the stall.*

(3) *And you shall tread down the wicked, for they will be ashes under the soles of your feet, on the day when **I act**, says **the Lord of hosts**.*

4) *"Remember the law of my servant Moses, the statutes and rules that **I commanded** him at Horeb for all Israel.*

(5) *"Behold, **I will send you** Elijah the prophet before **the great and awesome day of the Lord** comes.*

(6) And he will turn the hearts of fathers to their children and the hearts of children to their fathers, lest **I come and strike** the land with a decree of utter destruction.

NOTE: There are the last words of the Old Testament till the first words of the New Testament in the Gospel of Matthew.

B. STUDY GUIDE

1. The Day of the Lord is coming

(Ps 1:4; Is 1:31; 47:14; 66:15,16; Ezek 17:8,9; Dan 7:13; Joel 2:31;
Mt 3:10-12; 11:14; 25:41; Lk 3:17; Ac 2:20; 2 Th 1:7,8; 2 Pet 3:10)

2. The Sun of righteousness

(Ps. 63:7; 91:4; 118:27; 139:9; Is 9:2; 45:8 46:13; 53:5; 58:8; 60:1,19; Jer 30:17;
Mt 4:23; Lk 1:78,79; 13:34; Jn 1:4; 8:12; 9:5; 12:46; Eph 5:14; Rev 22:5)

3. Trample down the wicked

(Job 40:12; Ps 18:40-42; Is 63:2,3; Ezek 28:18)

4. Remember the Torah – God’s Word – the Law of Moses

(Ex 14:31; Dt 28:61; 34:5; Jdg 2:8; Ps 18; 147:19; Is 20:3; 41:8,9; 42:1
Mt 5:17; 7:12; Rom 2:13; 4:15; Gal 3:24)

5. Mt. Horeb is Mt. Sinai

(Ex 3:1; chapters 19,20; Dt. 4:9,10)

6. The new Elijah = John the Baptist

(1 Ki 2:1-12; 17:1; Mt 11:13,14; 16:14; 17:3,12,13; Mk 9:11-14)

7. The Great and Dreadful Day

(Is 13:9,10; 34:4; Joel 2:28-32; Mt 24:29; Acts 2:16-21;
Rev 6:12; 8:8,9; 9:1-19; 14:14-20; 16:4-9)

8. And he will turn the hearts of fathers to their children and the hearts of children to their fathers, lest **I come and strike the land with a decree of utter destruction**

(Gen 18:19; Dt 6:4-9; 7:9-11; 11:26-28; Josh 6:17; 23:15,16;

Is 11:1-4; Zech 5:1-4;

Lk 1:13-17; Eph 6:1-4; Col 3:20,21; Heb 12:6-11; 1 John 2:12-14; Rev 19:11-16)

C. LIFE APPLICATION:

How do both fathers and their children prepare their hearts to face the Last Day of destruction on evildoers and salvation for the righteous?

D. LUTHER’S LECTURES ON MALACHI- Vol. 18, p. 416

“That is: “When I shall make an end, namely, of their murmurings and blasphemy, they shall become My possession, or property. That is, they will be revealed as people who belong to Me and already are Mine.” This seems to be spoken about the kingdom of the New Testament. After all, the people who were under the Law always murmured and blasphemed.

Here He promises that He is going to be a Father who is kindly disposed to those who fear and serve Him, that is, to the believers. When He says “I will spare,” He indicates that that kingdom would come not without sin. Therefore, it would be a kingdom of grace and forgiveness of sins, a kingdom of sparing. He says, “At that time you shall see clearly what a great difference there is between the righteous and the wicked, etc.”

E. NEW BIBLE STUDY TO BEGIN ON AUGUST 11: **“Philippians – Our Partnership in the Gospel”**