

THE BOOK OF MALACHI – “MESSENGERS OF THE LORD”

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Theme:

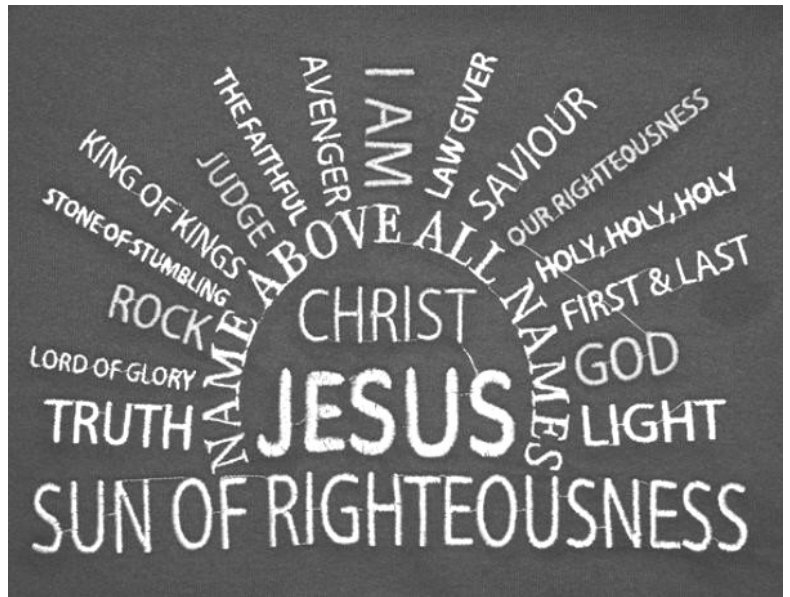
As messengers of the Lord:

-Then and now,

proclaim to each generation

The Law and The Gospel

- Properly distinguished - but boldly
spoken



A. THE TEXT: (Malachi 4:2-6)

(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.

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. Turn the hearts of people

(Gen 18:19; Dt 7:9-11; 11:26; 13:15; Josh 6:17; 23:15; Is 11:4; Zech 5:3)
Lk 1:17; Rev 19:15)

C. LIFE APPLICATION:

“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”

What do these words picture for us and how do they impact us?

D. LUTHER’S LECTURES ON MALACHI chapter 4 - Vol. 18, Page 416

“2. *And [the Sun of righteousness] will rise for you who fear...* Then the wicked will be separated from the righteous by something shining—obviously, by the open truth of God through the Gospel of Christ. Here you see the kingdom of Christ again described in such a way that it is the ministry of the Word. He is saying: “Indeed, a new Sun will shine, and it is not that sun which also animals see. It is the Sun of righteousness, who justifies, who sends out the sort of rays that make men righteous and free from their sins, who drives out every harmful attitude of fleshly lust.

Those rays are the Word of the Gospel, which penetrates hearts and is seen as that Sun only by the eyes of the heart, that is, by faith. It is closer to the righteous than is that visible, physical sun. You see, it shines by the Holy Spirit. It shines day and night. Clouds do not hinder it. It is always rising. ‘It will rise for those of you who fear’—who fear the name of God, obviously; that is, the humble, those who are not presumptuous, those who do not trust in their own works but recognize that they are sinners.”