

THE BOOK OF MALACHI – “MESSENGERS OF THE LORD”

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Theme:

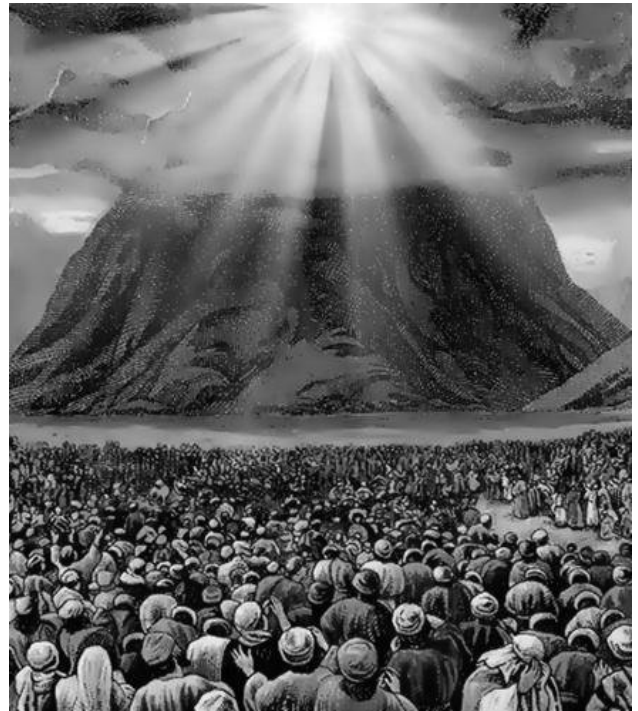
As messengers of the Lord:

-Then and now,

proclaim to each generation

The Law and The Gospel

- Properly distinguished - but boldly spoken



A. THE TEXT: (Malachi 4:5-6)

(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:

How is the covenant at Mt. Sinai and the work of John the Baptist still pertinent to us today who live under the new covenant?

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“Behold, I will send My messenger. The people are tired. The preacher, the prophet, is tired. They say: “Wait. Wait again, etc. No matter how much we serve the Lord, yet the Gentiles have it better than we.” But He says: “Have confidence. Behold, your salvation is now at the door and that kingdom will be changed. Your murmurings and the complaints of the prophets will cease, who believe that they are preaching in vain. The righteous will be separated from the wicked, and the wicked will no longer be more powerful, more fortunate.” But He is saying all this in a spiritual sense and especially in regard to His teaching and accomplishment.

Where the pure Gospel is, there Christ rules. There are excluded the heretics, the antichrists, the wicked, the hypocrites, those who remain in sin and death. In the old synagog there were more wicked teachers than good ones. Two men who teach contrary doctrines cannot stay at the same time. The people want one true and steadfast teacher whom they can trust. Here the Lord promises one who would give his hearers a sound and secure mind in all their tribulations. He says, “I will send you the genuine Malachi, that is, a messenger, who is John the Baptist.”