

MALACHI: Live Fully Devoted

Lesson Six • Malachi 2:17 - 3:5

What to Do When Evil Prevails

When Questions Turn into Accusations

God is not AFRAID of our questions, but God is WEARIED when our questions turn into accusations.

You have wearied the LORD with your words; yet you say, "In what way have we wearied Him?" Malachi 2:17

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1. When Evil Prevails, Don't Accuse God of INJUSTICE!

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 2:17

Two Flawed Assumptions:

- God must delight in EVIL since He is allowing evil people to prevail.
- God must not be JUST since He is unwilling to punish evil people.

One Flawed Accusation

"Where is the God of JUSTICE?"

2. When Evil Prevails, Do Trust in the God of JUSTICE!

God's Promise

Justice will come through JESUS CHRIST in God's timing.

"Behold, I send My messenger, and he will prepare the way before Me. And the Lord, whom you seek, will suddenly come to His temple, even the Messenger of the covenant in whom you delight. Behold, He is coming," says the LORD of hosts. Malachi 3:1

Who Can Endure God's Justice? Who Can Stand When Jesus Comes?

Because of our sin, NO ONE can; and yet, ANYONE can when they receive God's grace through faith in Jesus Christ.

"But who can endure the day of His coming? And who can stand when He appears?" Malachi 3:2

People Get Ready, Jesus Is Coming!

- Jesus is coming to PURIFY His people.

"For He is like a refiner's fire and like fuller's soap. 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. Then the offering of Judah and Jerusalem will be pleasant to the Lord, as in the days of old, as in former years." Malachi 3:2-4

- Jesus is coming to JUDGE the wicked.

"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 the fatherless, and against those who turn away an alien—because they do not fear Me," says the LORD of hosts. Malachi 3:5

Where Is the God of Justice?

Justice comes for all in one of two places:
the CROSS of Jesus Christ or the THRONE of Jesus Christ.