

Connection Group

Malachi Lesson 4

Read Malachi 2:17. Questions can be healthy for our spiritual growth, but why is God wearied by Israel's questions? What is Israel's charge against God in this verse? What is God's answer in 2 Peter 3:9 and why is God delaying his justice?

Read Malachi 3:1. Describe the prophecies in this verse. Have these prophecies been fulfilled? Why would this verse be impossible to fulfill after the 1st century? How does OT prophecy validate the Bible?

Read Malachi 3:2. In this verse, Malachi poses an important question. Many people assume that if we live a good life or live by religious laws (Example: 10 Commandments), we will be able to stand before God. Is this what the Bible says in Galatians 2:16,21; 3:21? What else does the Bible tell us about the law? (Romans 10:4; Galatians 3:23–25; Ephesians 2:15). Why is this important?

What does God desire to do in the lives of his people according to Malachi 3:3-4? How does this passage relate to 2nd Corinthians 3:18 or Romans 8:28-29? Based on these verses, what does God desire for you?

This concludes the Fourth message Malachi shares in this letter (Malachi 2:17-3:5). Based on this passage, what would you say the Lord desires for your life? How is Malachi 3:6 an important verse toward God's plan for your life?