

Prepare for the Coming Messiah!

Malachi: God's Messenger to a Disillusioned Nation, part 15

Malachi 4:4-6

- This passage concludes the Book of Malachi, but also the Book of the 12 Prophets, but also of all the Prophets and finally, of the entire OT, tying together the Law and the Prophets in a divine manner.
- The theme of this passage is simply this: prepare to meet the Lord and for the coming Messiah!

Luke 1:17; And he shall go before him in the spirit and power of Elias, to turn the hearts of the fathers to the children, and the disobedient to the wisdom of the just: to make ready a people prepared for the Lord.

1. Remember! The Word of God!

Mal. 4:4; Remember ye the Law of Moses my servant, which I commanded unto him in Horeb for all Israel, with the statutes and judgments.

A. "Remember:" Is a comprehensive term that emphasizes: remember to do it, ACT ON IT, keep it, observe and obey the Law! Remember it, do not forget and turn away from it and do the WILL OF GOD!

B. The Word of God is what is required to prepare people for the Coming King.

C. They allowed tradition to bury the truth of God's Word so when Messiah came they crucified Him and did not believe in Him.

2. Realize! The Day of the Lord is coming!

Mal.4:5; Behold, I will send you Elijah the prophet before the coming of the great and dreadful day of the LORD:

A. Who is the fulfillment of this Elijah? John the Baptist

Matthew 11:14; And if ye will receive it, this is Elias, which was for to come.

B. An Elijah figure may well introduce Jesus not only in his first coming but also in his second coming, Revelation 11:3-7.

3. Repent! To fulfill your Responsibility! v.6

A. The home is the first school of society; it is the world in miniature.

B. Why does Malachi speak of this? Because the fathers turned away from their sons and daughters by divorcing their wives and engaging in mixed marriages, Mal. 2:10.

- As you prepare your heart for the coming of the Lord Jesus Christ, may “The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ be with you all. Amen.” (Revelation 22:21)