

# The Messiah, The Purifier



Malachi 3:1-7  
Matthew 23:13-36  
Luke 6:20-49  
1 Thessalonians 5:1-6  
2 Peter 3:9-12

# Day of the Lord: OT & NT

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# Indictments in Malachi

- Not Honoring YaHWeH in their Sacrifices (1:6-14)
  - Blind, sick, lame offered (8)
  - "How tiresome" attitude (13)
- Priests don't preserve knowledge and show partiality in instruction (2:5-9)
- Dealt treacherously with their brethren and their wives (2:10-17)
  - Broke the covenant of their youth (14)
  - Divorce (16)
- Robbing YaHWeH of His tithes (3:8-12)
- "Why serve YaHWeH? What's in it for me?" (14)
- Arrogant and wicked test YaHWeH (15)
- Questioning God's love
- Whining
- Arrogance

“Behold, I am going to send My messenger, and he will clear the way before Me. And the Lord, whom you seek, will suddenly come to His temple; and the messenger of the covenant, in whom you delight, behold, He is coming,” says the LORD of hosts. “But who can endure the day of His coming? And who can stand when He appears? For He is like a refiner’s fire and like fullers’ soap. He will sit as a smelter and purifier of silver, and He will purify the sons of Levi and refine them like gold and silver, so that they may present to the LORD offerings in righteousness. Then the offering of Judah and Jerusalem will be pleasing to the LORD as in the days of old and as in former years.”

**Malachi 3:1-4**



# Leaders, He's Coming

- YaHWeH would send a messenger to prepare the way for the Messiah's arrival.
- The Messiah was going to call the leaders out for their faulty leadership.
- The purpose would be at least three-fold.
  - Discipline
  - Their purification
  - Righteous sacrifices offered



“Then I will draw near to you for judgment; and I will be a swift witness against the sorcerers and against the adulterers and against those who swear falsely, and against those who oppress the wage earner in his wages, the widow and the orphan, and those who turn aside the alien and do not fear Me,” says the LORD of hosts. “For I, the LORD, do not change; therefore you, O sons of Jacob, are not consumed. From the days of your fathers you have turned aside from My statutes and have not kept them. Return to Me, and I will return to you,” says the LORD of hosts. “But you say, ‘How shall we return?’”

**Malachi 3:5-7**

# People, He's Coming

- The people are not living righteously.
- They are dealing with one another treacherously.
- They have broken the Covenant.



**OPEN YOUR BIBLES TO  
MATTHEW 23:13-36**



# JESUS' INDICTMENT OF THE LEADERS INCLUDED...

- Still not pointing the way to God.
- Pointing people to the path to Hell.
- Leading hypocritical lifestyles.
- Not keeping their oaths.
- Neglecting God's Law.
- Abusing and sometimes killing God's messengers.



# What About Us?

- Are we pointing the way to God?
- Are we pointing people to the path to Hell?
- Are we leading hypocritical lifestyles?
- Are we keeping their oaths?
- Are we neglecting God's Law?
- Are we abusing and sometimes killing the spirit of God's messengers?



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**Open Your Bibles to  
Luke 6:20-49**

# Jesus' Indictment of the People Included...

- Valuing things differently than God does.
- A lack of social justice.
- Selfishness and greed.
- Judgment of others while ignoring their own sin.
- Only giving lip service to His teachings.



# What About Us?

- Do we value things differently than God does?
- Do we promote or practice social injustice?
- Are we selfish and greedy?
- Do we judge others while ignoring our own sin?
- Are we only giving lip service to Jesus' teachings?



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Now as to the times and the epochs, brethren, you have no need of anything to be written to you. For you yourselves know full well that the day of the Lord will come just like a thief in the night. While they are saying, “Peace and safety!” then destruction will come upon them suddenly like labor pains upon a woman with child, and they will not escape. But you, brethren, are not in darkness, that the day would overtake you like a thief; for you are all sons of light and sons of day. We are not of night nor of darkness; so then let us not sleep as others do, but let us be alert and sober.

**1 Thessalonians 5:1-6**

The Lord is not slow about His promise, as some count slowness, but is patient toward you, not wishing for any to perish but for all to come to repentance. But the day of the Lord will come like a thief, in which the heavens will pass away with a roar and the elements will be destroyed with intense heat, and the earth and its works will be burned up. Since all these things are to be destroyed in this way, what sort of people ought you to be in holy conduct and godliness, looking for and hastening the coming of the day of God, because of which the heavens will be destroyed by burning, and the elements will melt with intense heat!

**2 Peter 3:9-12**

# Coming Day of the Lord

- Thief in the night
  - Just another day
  - Firestorm
- So we should be...
- Alert and sober
  - Holy and godly conduct
  - Grateful and busy
  - Eagerly anticipating

**God keeps His Promises.**

**Are You Ready?**