

Malachi 4

Note: The Old Testament is coming to a close

Malachi 4.1-3

V1 – What would happen to the evil people? Burned in a furnace
-Significance? No root or branch – no more hope

V2 – Who will be saved? Those who “fear” (honor) the name of God
-What is coming in the Christian dispensation? The Son of Righteousness
Read Luke 1.78 – Christ is called “sunrise”
-What will He bring with Him? Healing in His wings (permanent forgiveness of sins)
-How does Malachi describe the joy of that scene? Like calves skipping around (remember the county fair: calves are so cute and happy)

V3 – What will happen to the wicked? Will be turned to ashes under the feet of the saved

Malachi 4.4-6

V4 – Final advice of Malachi? Obey the law of Moses

V5 – Who would prepare the way for the Messiah? “Elijah”
-John the Baptist = Elijah (in a spiritual sense)
Read Matthew 11.4, Matthew 17.10-13, John 1.21, Luke 1.17

V6 – What would He do? Restore love between fathers and children

Lessons from this book:

God demands our best (not our lame excuses).

He has always hated divorce.

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