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### MALACHI 2:17-3:6

**17** You have wearied the LORD with your words.  
Yet you ask, "How have we wearied him?"  
When you say, "Everyone who does what is evil  
is good in the LORD's sight, and he is delighted  
with them, or else where is the God of justice?"  
**18** "See, I am going to send my messenger, and he  
will clear the way before me. Then the Lord you  
seek will suddenly come to his temple, the  
Messenger of the covenant you delight in—see,  
he is coming," says the LORD of Armies.



**<sup>2</sup>But who can endure the day of his coming?  
And who will be able to stand when he  
appears? For he will be like a refiner's fire and  
like launderer's bleach. <sup>3</sup>He will be like a refiner  
and purifier of silver; he will purify the sons of  
Levi and refine them like gold and silver. Then  
they will present offerings to the LORD in  
righteousness. <sup>4</sup>And the offerings of Judah and  
Jerusalem will please the LORD as in days of old  
and years gone by.**

**5" I will come to you in judgment, and I will be ready to witness against sorcerers and adulterers; against those who swear falsely; against those who oppress the hired worker, the widow, and the fatherless; and against those who deny justice to the resident alien. They do not fear me," says the LORD of Armies.**

**6" Because I, the LORD, have not changed, you descendants of Jacob have not been destroyed.**

**Malachi 2:17-3:6 (CSB)**



GOD IS WORKING ON YOUR BEHALF  
EVEN WHEN YOU DO NOT SEE IT.

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GOD IS WISER THAN  
WE OFTEN GIVE HIM CREDIT

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**<sup>3</sup>A voice of one crying out: Prepare the way of the LORD in the wilderness; make a straight highway for our God in the desert. <sup>4</sup>Every valley will be lifted up, and every mountain and hill will be leveled; the uneven ground will become smooth and the rough places, a plain. <sup>5</sup>And the glory of the LORD will appear, and all humanity together will see it, for the mouth of the LORD has spoken. Isaiah 40:3-5 (CSB)**



**18** Woe to you who long for the day of the LORD!  
What will the day of the LORD be for you? It will  
be darkness and not light. **19** It will be like a man  
who flees from a lion only to have a bear  
confront him. He goes home and rests his hand  
against the wall only to have a snake bite him.  
**20** Won't the day of the LORD be darkness rather  
than light, even gloom without any  
brightness in it?

**<sup>21</sup>I hate, I despise your feasts! I can't stand the stench of your solemn assemblies. <sup>22</sup>Even if you offer me your burnt offerings and grain offerings, I will not accept them; I will have no regard for your fellowship offerings of fattened cattle. <sup>23</sup>Take away from me the noise of your songs! I will not listen to the music of your harps. <sup>24</sup>But let justice flow like water, and righteousness, like an unfailing stream.**

**Amos 5:18-24 (CSB)**



GOD WANTS US TO ALWAYS FEAR HIM  
AND FOLLOW HIM FAITHFULLY

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TRUST GOD IS JUST  
AND SEEK TO GLORIFY HIM

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