

Where is God? Malachi 2:17-3:5

- The people of God were wearing God out & grieving His Spirit.
- The irony! Unjust man wags his finger in the face of the perfectly just God and charges Him with delighting in evildoers and questioning his presence.
- God, where are You? God's delay in bringing true justice caused disillusionment and doubt within His people.
- They accuse God of being inconsistent with His word or His character. (Deut.6:18; Deut.4:25).
- "Where is now your God" is a question asked in Scripture. Here are some answers:
 - (1.) He is ruling according to His wise master plan,
Psalm 115:3: Where is now their God? But our God is in the heavens: he hath done whatsoever He hath pleased!
 - (2.) He is revealing Himself with songs in the night,
Job 35:10; But none saith, Where is God my maker, who giveth songs in the night.
Psalm 42:8; 77:6; 149:5.
 - (3.) He is refining His people through their tears,
Psalm 42:3; My tears have been my meat day and night, while they continually say unto me, Where is thy God?
Psalm 42:10; As with a sword in my bones, mine enemies reproach me; while they say daily unto me, Where is thy God?
 - (4.) Malachi's answer to this question is that God is readying His coming to earth. and describes how the Coming of the Messiah will be the ultimate solution to injustice and bring in everlasting righteousness.

1. He Comes Personally, v.1

- A. The Messenger to Prepare the way: John the Baptist.
- B. The Messenger of the Covenant: Jesus Christ the Lord

2. He Comes Unexpectedly, v.1

- In His first coming He establishes the New Covenant and bears all the sin of the world experiencing infinite injustice of men.

3. He Comes to PURIFY, v.2-5

A. In His Second Coming Jesus is the FIRE and the SOAP. In verse 3 He is the PERSON who refines and purifies with fire!

B. He will correct all wrongs and puts things right, v.4, 5.

B. Until that day when all things are made new and justice flows like a river, we live on an earth under the curse of sin. What are we to do?

1. We WAIT in faith of God's Faithfulness:

Isaiah 30:18: And therefore will the LORD wait, that He may be gracious unto you, and therefore will He be exalted, that He may have mercy upon you: for the LORD is a God of judgment: blessed are they that WAIT for Him.

2. We WORSHIP in hope of Revival: Habakkuk 2-3