

Judgment Day Is Coming

Malachi 2:17–3:6 (NLT) — (17) You have wearied the LORD with your words. “How have we wearied him?” you ask. You have wearied him by saying that all who do evil are good in the LORD’s sight, and he is pleased with them. You have wearied him by asking, “Where is the God of justice?” (1) “Look! I am sending my messenger, and he will prepare the way before me. Then the Lord you are seeking will suddenly come to his Temple. The messenger of the covenant, whom you look for so eagerly, is surely coming,” says the LORD of Heaven’s Armies. (2) “But who will be able to endure it when he comes? Who will be able to stand and face him when he appears? For he will be like a blazing fire that refines metal, or like a strong soap that bleaches clothes. (3) He will sit like a refiner of silver, burning away the dross. He will purify the Levites, refining them like gold and silver, so that they may once again offer acceptable sacrifices to the LORD. (4) Then once more the LORD will accept the offerings brought to him by the people of Judah and Jerusalem, as he did in the past. (5) “At that time I will put you on trial. I am eager to witness against all sorcerers and adulterers and liars. I will speak against those who cheat employees of their wages, who oppress widows and orphans, or who deprive the foreigners living among you of justice, for these people do not fear me,” says the LORD of Heaven’s Armies. (6) “I am the LORD, and I do not change. That is why you descendants of Jacob are not already destroyed.

I) The Lord Gets Fed Up.

Psalms 121:1–4 (NLT) — (1) I look up to the mountains— does my help come from there? (2) My help comes from the LORD, who made heaven and earth! (3) He will not let you stumble; the one who watches over you will not slumber. (4) Indeed, he who watches over Israel never slumbers or sleeps.

Revelation 3:15–16 (NLT) — (15) “I know all the things you do, that you are neither hot nor cold. I wish that you were one or the other! (16) But since you are like lukewarm water, neither hot nor cold, I will spit you out of my mouth!

Isaiah 40:28 (ESV) — (28) Have you not known? Have you not heard? The LORD is the everlasting God, the Creator of the ends of the earth. He does not faint or grow weary; his understanding is unsearchable.

II) God Is Going To Send A Message Through Messengers.

Isaiah 40:3 (NLT) — (3) Listen! It’s the voice of someone shouting, “Clear the way through the wilderness for the LORD! Make a straight highway through the wasteland for our God!

Matthew 11:10 (NLT) — (10) John is the man to whom the Scriptures refer when they say, ‘Look, I am sending my messenger ahead of you, and he will prepare your way before you.’

Mark 1:4–8 (ESV) — (4) John appeared, baptizing in the wilderness and proclaiming a baptism of repentance for the forgiveness of sins. (5) And all the country of Judea and all Jerusalem were

going out to him and were being baptized by him in the river Jordan, confessing their sins. **(6)** Now John was clothed with camel's hair and wore a leather belt around his waist and ate locusts and wild honey. **(7)** And he preached, saying, "After me comes he who is mightier than I, the strap of whose sandals I am not worthy to stoop down and untie. **(8)** I have baptized you with water, but he will baptize you with the Holy Spirit."

2 Samuel 6:6-7 (NLT) — **(6)** But when they arrived at the threshing floor of Nacon, the oxen stumbled, and Uzzah reached out his hand and steadied the Ark of God. **(7)** Then the LORD's anger was aroused against Uzzah, and God struck him dead because of this. So Uzzah died right there beside the Ark of God.

Psalms 5:4-6 (NIV) — **(4)** You are not a God who takes pleasure in evil; with you the wicked cannot dwell. **(5)** The arrogant cannot stand in your presence; you hate all who do wrong. **(6)** You destroy those who tell lies; bloodthirsty and deceitful men the LORD abhors.

Hebrews 13:20 (ESV) — **(20)** Now may the God of peace who brought again from the dead our Lord Jesus, the great shepherd of the sheep, by the blood of the eternal covenant,

2 Thessalonians 1:8 (NLT) — **(8)** in flaming fire, bringing judgment on those who don't know God and on those who refuse to obey the Good News of our Lord Jesus.

Romans 3:23 (NIV) — **(23)** for all have sinned and fall short of the glory of God,

Romans 5:8 (NIV) — **(8)** But God demonstrates his own love for us in this: While we were still sinners, Christ died for us.

Romans 10:9-10 (NIV) — **(9)** That if you confess with your mouth, "Jesus is Lord," and believe in your heart that God raised him from the dead, you will be saved. **(10)** For it is with your heart that you believe and are justified, and it is with your mouth that you confess and are saved.

2 Corinthians 7:1 (NLT) — **(1)** Because we have these promises, dear friends, let us cleanse ourselves from everything that can defile our body or spirit. And let us work toward complete holiness because we fear God.

III) Our response To Our Savior Should Be To Trust Him And Obey His Word.

Galatians 6:7-8 (NIV) — **(7)** Do not be deceived: God cannot be mocked. A man reaps what he sows. **(8)** The one who sows to please his sinful nature, from that nature will reap destruction; the one who sows to please the Spirit, from the Spirit will reap eternal life.

2 Peter 3:9 (NIV) — **(9)** The Lord is not slow in keeping his promise, as some understand slowness. He is patient with you, not wanting anyone to perish, but everyone to come to repentance.

Romans 5:6-9 (ESV) — **(6)** For while we were still weak, at the right time Christ died for the ungodly. **(7)** For one will scarcely die for a righteous person—though perhaps for a good person one would dare even to die— **(8)** but God shows his love for us in that while we were still sinners, Christ died for us. **(9)** Since, therefore, we have now been justified by his blood, much more shall we be saved by him from the wrath of God.

