



The Healing of God's People

Malachi 4:1-6
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- **THE BIG IDEA:** In the final chapter of the final book in our Old Testament God warns all that a "great and awesome day" of judgment is coming. For the unfaithful and unrepentant it will be a **terrible** day and for the faithful it will be an **awesome** day of salvation and complete healing. Which will it be for you?

Malachi 4:1-6 (ESV)

4 ¹ For behold, the day is coming, *burning like an oven*, when all the arrogant and all evildoers will be stubble. The **day** that is coming shall set them ablaze, says the LORD of hosts, so that it will leave them neither root nor branch. ² **But** for you who fear my name, *the sun of righteousness shall rise with healing in its wings*. You shall go out leaping *like calves from the stall*. ³ And *you shall tread down the wicked*, for *they will be ashes under the soles of your feet*, on the day when I act, says the LORD of hosts.

⁴ "Remember the law of my servant **Moses**, the statutes and rules that I commanded him at Horeb for all Israel.

⁵ "Behold, *I will send you **Elijah** the prophet before the great and awesome day of the LORD comes*. ⁶ And *he will turn the hearts of fathers to their children and the hearts of children to their fathers*, lest I come and strike the land with a decree of utter destruction."

The Fire of Judgment

- David – Psalm 21:9 – the enemies of God will be **consumed** by fire
- Jesus – Matthew 13:41-42 – the lawless will be thrown into the **furnace** of **fire**
- Paul – Jesus and His angels will come in "**flaming fire**" – 2 Thessalonians 1:7-9

- The 4th **Bowl** of **Judgment** in Revelation is fire that burns those who reject God and curse His name – Revelation 16:8-9
- God destroyed the world and judged people by water in the days of Noah. The **final** judgment is by fire – 2 Peter 3:7

The Hope of a Promise

- + These promises are not for **all** people, but for those who **fear** the name of God and **remember** His Law.
- + The "sun of righteousness" is God's Son. In Jesus Christ we are given "**healing**" from the ravages of **sin**.
- + God promises that for those who return to Him there is **freedom**, **joy**, and **vindication** that what you believed about God, in faith, is true!
- + In Malachi 4:5 God says that those who believe the witness of the Law and the Prophets (that Jesus is the Son of God and our Savior) will be given a **new desire** to love and seek the welfare of others.

The 3-Fold Call by God to His People:

1. "Fear His name"
2. "Remember the Law"
3. Receive Healing through Christ

Our Take-Aways From Malachi

- + There have been powerful judgments on sin and sinners throughout history. There will be final Day when all stand before God. We must **prepare** and **help others** prepare for that day.
- + God sent us a Savior, Jesus the Christ. Moses (the Law) and Elijah (the Prophets) stand as **witnesses** that only Jesus can save us.
- + Immeasurable **joy** and **healing** of all that is wrong in our lives and souls are given by Christ when we trust Him alone for our salvation. The **completion** of our **salvation**, including joy and healing, comes in heaven, after the awesome Day that will come when the Father chooses.

When you consider the
Second Coming of Jesus are you fearful or filled with joy?
Are you ready for that Day?
