# Hearing The Prophets
## *The One We Have Been Waiting For*
Sunday, November 8, 2026

**Malachi 3:1-4 NIV**

"I will send my messenger, who will prepare the way before me. Then suddenly the Lord you are seeking will come to his temple; the messenger of the covenant, whom you desire, will come," says the Lord Almighty.

2 But who can endure the day of his coming? Who can stand when he appears? For he will be like a refiner's fire or a launderer's soap. 3 He will sit as a refiner and purifier of silver; he will purify the Levites and refine them like gold and silver. Then the Lord will have men who will bring offerings in righteousness, 4 and the offerings of Judah and Jerusalem will be acceptable to the Lord, as in days gone by, as in former years.'

1. **He Went Before Us.**

2. **He Came Among Us.**

3. **He Brings Us Home.**

**Conclusion:** The One who led them was the One they were waiting for. The One they were waiting for is the One who came. And the One who came is the One who brings us back to God. ***Thank You Jesus!***

# LIFE GROUP LESSON
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Week of November 8, 2026- November 14, 2026

**Ice Breaker:** Think of a time someone was guiding you long before you realized how much you needed their help.

**Read Malachi 3:1-4.**

1. Who is God speaking about as His messenger? What will he do? (v.1)
2. Read Isaiah 40:3. Who is this prophecy talking about?
3. Read Mark 1:4, 7. Who came, and what was his role?
4. Who will come after this messenger? What is His name? (v.1)
5. What is the difference between these messengers?
6. What is made known about His coming? (v.2)
7. What will the Lord do when He comes? (vs.2-3)
8. How will He do this? What does this mean for us?
9. What will come out of the purifying and refining process? (v.4)
10. What does this restored state mean for Judah? For us today?
11. How does this message link the old and new covenant?
12. Read Exodus 3:1-5. Who appeared to Moses and how?
13. Read Exodus 23:20-23. Who is being sent and what will He do? How is Israel to acknowledge Him?
14. Read Exodus 14:15-20. What was in front of Israel and went behind them to protect them from Pharaoh's army?
15. Read Joshua 5:13-15. Who stood in front of Joshua? What did He tell Joshua to do?
16. What key factors tell us who this is? Why is this significant?
17. Read Isaiah 40:4-5. Who or what is this referring to?
18. Read John 1:14. How is this linked to Isaiah 40 and Malachi 3?
19. Read Hebrews 9:15. What is Jesus' role and how does this link to restoring the portion?
20. Read Malachi 4:2. What is the promise? Is this for us also?
21. Read Luke 2:25-32. What did Simeon profess? Who was he talking about? Why was he waiting for this? Read Isaiah 42:6.
22. What are your thoughts now as we ponder the importance of the old covenant making way for Jesus? How do you understand God's ways differently? What has been His purpose all along?

**Point to ponder:** God has been leading His people toward this promise all along: Not simply a place to belong, but a Person to belong to. Not simply a portion to possess, but God Himself as our portion forever.