

The Return to Jerusalem Study
Malachi 3:13-4:6; "The Coming Day of the LORD"
DIVISIONS AND PRINCIPLES

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Division 1:

God reveals that He hates speech that says obedience and repentance do not matter.
Malachi 3:13-15

Additional citations: I Corinthians 15:58; John 15:12; John 14:23; Acts 14:1;
Matthew 24:14-30; Ezekiel 36:27

Principle #1: God hates speech that causes His servants to believe their labor for Him is in vain.

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Division 2:

God reveals He loves speech that teaches obedience and repentance do matter.
Malachi 3:16

Additional citations: Hebrews 10:24; Isaiah 66:2

Principle #2: God loves speech that encourages others to serve God and repent.

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Division 3:

God teaches that our beliefs, speech and attitude matter because they will be judged.
Malachi 3:17-4:3

Additional citation: 2 Peter 3:9

Principle #3: In God's economy, justice delayed is not justice denied, but mercy revealed.

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Division 4:

God reveals that before the judgment, He will send Elijah with words that matter.
Malachi 4:4-6

Additional citations: I Kings 1:18; Matthew 17:10; Malachi 2:15; Deuteronomy 6:7;
Proverbs 22:6

Principle #4: One of God's highest priorities is that Fathers' hearts turn to their children because Fathers' roles are not in vain.

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