

Digging Deeper



MALACHI

Deep Spiritual Cleaning—Malachi 2:17-3:5 – May 17, 2020

Malachi describes what will happen when Christ returns:

1. It will be a time of _____. (3:2a)
2. It will be a time of _____. (3b-4)
3. It will be a time of _____. (3:5-6)

Read Psalm 66:10. Can you relate to this verse? How have you been tested and refined?

What purpose did this strong message (read vs. 3:5) serve for the spiritual legacy of both Jews and Gentiles? Who was Jesus a “swift witness against?” And why?

Have you ever experienced being “scoffed at” when sharing your faith? To scoff is an expression of mockery and doubt. Why is it necessary to guard our minds and hearts during times of waiting on God?

John the Baptist is the messenger referred to in this passage. What might be some reasons that John and Malachi were chosen to deliver this message of repentance? “He must increase, but I must decrease” John 3:30. What does this statement spoken by John about Jesus mean to you personally?

When Jesus appears on the scene, why did some recognize Jesus as the Lord and the “messenger of the covenant” while others rejected him?

In what way has Jesus been “like a refiner’s fire and like launderer’s soap” in your spiritual journey?