

# Malachi 3

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## **The Messenger of the Covenant**

- <sup>1</sup> Behold, I will send my messenger, and he shall prepare the way before me: and the Lord, whom ye seek, shall suddenly come to his temple, even the messenger of the covenant, whom ye delight in: behold, he shall come, saith the LORD of hosts.
- <sup>2</sup> But who may abide the day of his coming? and who shall stand when he appeareth? for he is like a refiner's fire, and like fullers' sope:
- <sup>3</sup> And he shall sit as a refiner and purifier of silver: and he shall purify the sons of Levi, and purge them as gold and silver, that they may offer unto the LORD an offering in righteousness.
- <sup>4</sup> Then shall the offering of Judah and Jerusalem be pleasant unto the LORD, as in the days of old, and as in former years.
- <sup>5</sup> And I will come near to you to judgment; and I will be a swift witness against the sorcerers, and against the adulterers, and against false swearers, and against those that oppress the hireling in his wages, the widow, and the fatherless, and that turn aside the stranger from his right, and fear not me, saith the LORD of hosts.

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## **Robbing God**

- <sup>6</sup> For I am the LORD, I change not; therefore ye sons of Jacob are not consumed.

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- <sup>7</sup> Even from the days of your fathers ye are gone away from mine ordinances, and have not kept them. Return unto me, and I will return unto you, saith the LORD of hosts. But ye said, Wherein shall we return?

- 8** Will a man rob God? Yet ye have robbed me. But ye say, Wherein have we robbed thee? In tithes and offerings.
- 9** Ye are cursed with a curse: for ye have robbed me, even this whole nation.
- 10** Bring ye all the tithes into the storehouse, that there may be meat in mine house, and prove me now herewith, saith the LORD of hosts, if I will not open you the windows of heaven, and pour you out a blessing, that there shall not be room enough to receive it.
- 11** And I will rebuke the devourer for your sakes, and he shall not destroy the fruits of your ground; neither shall your vine cast her fruit before the time in the field, saith the LORD of hosts.
- 12** And all nations shall call you blessed: for ye shall be a delightsome land, saith the LORD of hosts.
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### **The Book of Remembrance**

- 13** Your words have been stout against me, saith the LORD. Yet ye say, What have we spoken so much against thee?
- 14** Ye have said, It is vain to serve God: and what profit is it that we have kept his ordinance, and that we have walked mournfully before the LORD of hosts?
- 15** And now we call the proud happy; yea, they that work wickedness are set up; yea, they that tempt God are even delivered.
- 16** Then they that feared the LORD spake often one to another: and the LORD hearkened, and heard it, and a book of remembrance was written before him for them that feared the LORD, and that thought upon his name.
- 17** And they shall be mine, saith the LORD of hosts, in that day when I make up my jewels; and I will spare them, as a man spareth his own son that serveth him.
- 18** Then shall ye return, and discern between the righteous and the wicked, between him that serveth God and him that serveth him not.

## HEBREW & GREEK WORD STUDIES

### Covenant — בְּרִית (Berit)

Covenant, treaty

The Hebrew **berit** (בְּרִית) denotes a covenant—a binding agreement, often ratified by blood sacrifice. God's covenants (Abrahamic, Mosaic, Davidic) structure redemptive history, culminating in the New Covenant.

### God — אֱלֹהִים (Elohim)

God (plural of majesty)

The Hebrew **Elohim** (אֱלֹהִים) is a plural form denoting majesty and fullness of deity. Though grammatically plural, it takes singular verbs when referring to the one true God, suggesting the Trinity's plurality within unity.

### Heaven — שָׁמַיִם (Shamayim)

Heaven, sky

The Hebrew **shamayim** (שָׁמַיִם) means heaven or sky—God's dwelling place and the realm above earth. 'The heaven, even the heavens, are the LORD's' (Psalm 115:16), yet 'the heaven of heavens cannot contain Him' (1 Kings 8:27).

### Judgment — מִשְׁפָּט (Mishpat)

Judgment, justice

The Hebrew **mishpat** (מִשְׁפָּט) means judgment or justice—God's righteous decisions and ordinances. God is the Judge of all the earth who 'shall do right' (Genesis 18:25), executing perfect justice.

### Lord — יְהוָה / אֲדֹנָי (YHWH / Adonai)

The LORD / Lord

When 'LORD' appears in small capitals, it represents the Tetragrammaton **YHWH** (יְהוָה), God's personal covenant name meaning 'I AM.' When 'Lord' appears normally, it's **Adonai** (אֲדֹנָי), meaning 'my Lord,' emphasizing sovereignty.

### Righteous — צַדִּיק (Tzaddik)

Righteous one

The Hebrew **tzaddik** (צַדִּיק) describes one who is righteous, just, or lawful—conforming to God's standard. From the root tzedek (צֶדֶק), meaning righteousness or justice.

### Word — דָּבָר (Davar)

Word, thing, matter

The Hebrew **davar** (דָּבָר) means word, thing, or matter—God's creative and authoritative speech. 'By the word of the LORD were the heavens made' (Psalm 33:6).

## CROSS REFERENCES

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**Malachi 3:2**    **Parallel theme:** Malachi 4:1; Psalms 2:7; Isaiah 1:18; 4:4; Zechariah 13:9; Luke 3:9; 3:17; 21:36; Hebrews 12:25; Revelation 6:17

**Malachi 3:3**    **Parallel theme:** Psalms 66:10; Isaiah 1:25; Daniel 12:10; Titus 2:14; Hebrews 12:10; Revelation 3:18. **References Lord:** Proverbs 17:3; Zechariah 13:9. **Sacrifice:** Philippians 2:17. **Righteousness:** Psalms 4:5

**Malachi 3:4**    **Sacrifice:** Isaiah 56:7. **References Lord:** Zechariah 8:3

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**Malachi 3:6**    **Parallel theme:** Numbers 23:19; 1 Samuel 15:29; Hebrews 6:18; 13:8; James 1:17; Revelation 22:13. **References Lord:** Psalms 103:17; Isaiah 44:6; Jeremiah 32:27; Revelation 1:8

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**Malachi 3:8**    **References God:** Matthew 22:21; Mark 12:17; Luke 20:25. **Parallel theme:** Joshua 7:11; Psalms 29:2; Romans 2:22; 13:7. **Sacrifice:** Malachi 1:8; 1:13

**Malachi 3:9**    **Curse:** Malachi 2:2; Joshua 22:20; Isaiah 43:28

**Malachi 3:10**    **Parallel theme:** Leviticus 26:10; Numbers 18:21; Nehemiah 12:44; Matthew 6:33. **References Lord:** Leviticus 27:30; 2 Kings 7:2; Psalms 37:3. **Blessing:** Deuteronomy 28:12. **Sin:** Nehemiah 12:47; 13:5

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**Malachi 3:13** **Word:** Malachi 2:17. **Parallel theme:** Isaiah 37:23; Romans 9:20; 2 Thessalonians 2:4

**Malachi 3:14** **Parallel theme:** Job 35:3; Isaiah 58:3; James 4:9. **References Lord:** Joel 2:12; Zephaniah 1:12. **References God:** Job 22:17; 34:9

**Malachi 3:15** **Evil:** Malachi 2:17; 4:1

**Malachi 3:16** **Parallel theme:** Malachi 4:2; Psalms 56:8; Isaiah 26:3; Acts 10:2; 1 Thessalonians 5:11; Hebrews 10:24; Revelation 20:12. **References Lord:** Malachi 3:5; Acts 9:31; Revelation 15:4

**Malachi 3:17** **Parallel theme:** Exodus 19:5; Romans 8:32; 1 Corinthians 6:20; 1 Peter 2:9. **References Lord:** Malachi 1:6; Deuteronomy 7:6; 14:2; Psalms 135:4; Jeremiah 31:33; 2 Corinthians 6:18

**Malachi 3:18** **Righteousness:** Genesis 18:25; Job 6:29; Matthew 25:46. **Evil:** Malachi 1:4; Joshua 24:15. **Parallel theme:** Jeremiah 12:15; John 12:26. **References God:** Acts 16:17; 27:23; 1 Thessalonians 1:9

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