

Sermon Notes

The Cure for Complacency

(Malachi 3:13-18)

1. God's Charge (Malachi 3:13-15)

2. Faith's Response (Malachi 3:16-18)

For Further Thought and Discussion

Getting Started

1. What was helpful to you in this week's sermon? What didn't you understand?
2. Why do you follow Jesus?

Going Deeper

3. Please read Malachi 3:13-15. This is God's sixth charge of spiritual complacency against Israel. What evidence does God present this time of Israel's complacency? How does He demonstrate the truth of this charge? Do you think Christians speak the same way today? How?
4. How would you answer the question, "If God is all powerful and good, then why do the wicked prosper and the righteous suffer in this world?" What difference has honoring God made in your life?
5. Please read Hebrews 11:6. What must we believe to keep on seeking God? What motivates you to keep seeking Him?
6. Please read Malachi 3:16-17. How do the people of faith in Israel respond to God's charge? What do you think they said to one another? What is the book of remembrance of those who put their faith in God now? (Revelation 20:15)
7. Why do you think that God does not make the clear distinction between the righteous and the wicked today which He will make in the future?
8. In what area of your life do you need to gain a clearer understanding of the rewards of following Christ? What will you do?

Application

What is one thing you can do this week to apply this passage?