

Confronting Complacency: The Book of Malachi

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Remember the Future (Malachi 4:1-6)

1. God's Warning (vv. 1-3, 5-6)

2. Our Preparation (vv. 4, 6)

For further thought and discussion:

Getting Started

1. What was helpful to you in this week's sermon? What didn't you understand?
2. Think of a time your parent warned you not to do something stupid, but you did it anyway. What happened?

Going Deeper

3. What accusation is God responding to in this passage (see 3:13-15, 3:18)? What assurance does he give those who fear him (4:3; see 3:16-17)?
4. Malachi prophesies about the Day of the Lord (4:1f; see 3:18). How is this prophecy partially fulfilled at Christ's First Coming (see Matthew 3:12; 11:14; Luke 1:16-17, 76-79). Why will this prophecy only be completely fulfilled at Christ's Second Coming (see Revelation 11:3; Matthew 25:31-46)?
5. Who is the prophecy of Malachi 4:1-6 directed towards (see v. 6; see also Matthew 3:8-9)? How does this serve as a wake-up call for God's visible people?

Application

6. How does God tell Israel to turn back (see 3:7) to him (4:4, 6)? What stands out to you about the marks of the repentant? What implications do you see for your own life?
7. What's one thing you can do this week to apply this passage?