

The Message of Malachi (3)

Chapter two ended with two complaints from the nation:

- (1) God is blessing the wicked
- (2) Where is justice

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1. God is sending his ______ (1)
- In Hebrew: ______ (*My messenger*)

- refers to John the baptizer (Isa 40:3-5; Mt 11:7-15)

As a forerunner, he would prepare the way for the coming King (Mal 4:5; Jn 1:29-31)

2. God is	(1)	•	God always	
He is coming as a	,, and		what is broken	
He is coming to bri	ing justice (refiner—1 Pet 1:7; launderer– Rev	1:5)	God never	up
I will draw	near to you for judgment (5)			

The coming of Jesus was the satisfaction for justice (1 Jn 2:1-2)

3. Purify the priests (3-4; 2:1)

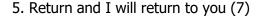
When impurities are removed, what is left is genuine They will offer righteous offerings (Rom 12:1; Heb 13:5)

4. I do not change (5-6)

This is called: The of God: (Heb 13:8)

One changes either for the better or the worse

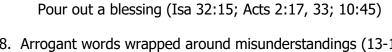
- Perfect God cannot get better
- Perfect God cannot become imperfect



- 6. You are robbing God by not offering the full tithe (8-9)
- 7. Return and I will bless you (10-12)

"Test Me now in this..."

The windows of Heaven will be opened



8. Arrogant words wrapped around misunderstandings (13-15) Why serve God when He blesses the wicked

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Two Charges Against the Nation

- You are robbing God
- Your words are arrogant against God

Questions & Lessons to See:

- 1. What blessing is there in knowing that God doesn't change?
- 2. Because God doesn't change, what ought you to learn from that?
- 3. In robbing God, the nation was also robbing others. How? And, they were robbing themselves. How?
- 4. Spiritual repentance will always include your stewardship of material blessings
- 5. We can draw conclusions from what we see that are not true. How do we deal with that?