

## **Malachi 3:13-15 (NIV)**

**"You have said harsh things against me," says the Lord. "Yet you ask, 'What have we said against you?' [14] "You have said, 'It is futile to serve God. What did we gain by carrying out his requirements and going about like mourners before the Lord Almighty? [15] But now we call the arrogant blessed. Certainly the evildoers prosper, and even those who challenge God escape."**

## **Malachi 3:16 (NIV)**

**Then those who feared the Lord talked with each other, and the Lord listened and heard. A scroll of remembrance was written in his presence concerning those who feared the Lord and honored his name.**

## **Malachi 3:17-18 (NIV)**

**"They will be mine," says the Lord Almighty, "in the day when I make up my treasured possession. I will spare them, just as in compassion a man spares his son who serves him. [18] And you will again see the distinction between the righteous and the wicked, between those who serve God and those who do not.**

# **The Attitude of Our Hearts**

**Malachi 3:13-18**



1 Corinthians 15:58 (NIV)

...my dear brothers, **STAND FIRM.**  
Let **NOTHING** move you. **Always give yourselves FULLY to the WORK of the Lord,** because you know that **your LABOR in the Lord is NOT in vain.**

# Developing a Lifestyle of Faithfulness:

- **VOW** to be Faithful to God
- **TIME** with Likeminded people
- **FEAR** and **HONOR** God

# **God's People will be...**

- **HIS and His alone**
- **SPARED judgment**

# **It will Become Clear in GOD'S TIME that...**

- there is a **DIFFERENCE** between the godly and the wicked
- **EVIL** will be judged

## Hebrews 10:23-25 (NLT)

Let us **HOLD TIGHTLY** without wavering to the **HOPE** we **AFFIRM**, for God can be trusted to keep his promise. [24] Let us **think of ways to MOTIVATE one another** to **ACTS** of love and good works. [25] And let us **NOT neglect our meeting together**, as some people do, **but ENCOURAGE one another**, especially now that the day of his return is drawing near.

**How could I stand here**  
And watch the sun rise  
Follow the mountains  
Where they touch the sky  
Ponder the vastness  
And the depths of the sea  
**And think for a moment**  
**The point of it all was to make much of me**  
Cause I'm just a whisper  
And You are the thunder and

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**I want to MAKE MUCH of You, Jesus**  
I want to MAKE MUCH of Your love  
I want to live today to give You the praise  
That You alone are so worthy of  
I want to MAKE MUCH of Your mercy  
I want to MAKE MUCH of Your cross  
**I give You my life - Take it and let it be used**  
**To MAKE MUCH of You**

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## Hebrews 4:11 (JBP)

For the **Word that God speaks** is alive and active; it cuts more keenly than any two-edged sword: it strikes through to the place where soul and spirit meet, to the innermost intimacies of a man's being: **it exposes the very thoughts and motives of a man's heart.** No creature has any cover from the sight of God; **everything lies naked and exposed** before the eyes of him with whom we have to do.

(NLT) ...to whom we are accountable.

# QUESTIONS

1. When are we most tempted to say that God is not fair?
2. How can we keep our Requests of God from becoming Demands?
3. Why is it hard for us to MAKE MUCH of Jesus in our lives?
4. What practical ways can I MAKE MUCH of Jesus this week?