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The Book of Malachi
Mal. 3:1-6

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Mal. 3:1 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.

2 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' soap:

3 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.

4 Then shall the offering of Judah and Jerusalem be pleasant unto the LORD, as in the days of old, and as in former years.

5 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.

6 For I *am* the LORD, I change not; therefore ye sons of Jacob are not consumed.

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Isa. 2:12; Joel 3:11-16; Amos 5:18-21; Zech. 1:14-17

Isa. 56:7; 66:20-23; Jer. 33:18; Ezek. 40:38-43; 43:13-27; 45:9-25;
Zech. 14:16-21

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By application:

2 Cor. 7:1 Having therefore these promises, dearly beloved, **let us cleanse ourselves** from all filthiness of the flesh and spirit, perfecting holiness in the fear of God.

Jas. 4:8 Draw nigh to God, and he will draw nigh to you.
Cleanse your hands, ye sinners; and purify your hearts, ye double minded.

1 Jn. 1:9 If we confess our sins, he is faithful and just to forgive us *our* sins, and **to cleanse us from all unrighteousness.**

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1 Cor. 3:11 For other foundation can no man lay than that is laid, which is Jesus Christ.

12 Now if any man build upon this foundation **gold, silver, precious stones, wood, hay, stubble;**

13 **Every man's work shall be made manifest:** for the day shall declare it, because it shall be revealed by fire; and **the fire shall try every man's work of what sort it is.**

14 If any man's **work abide** which he hath built thereupon, **he shall receive a reward.**

15 If any man's **work shall be burned, he shall suffer loss:** but he himself shall be saved; yet so as by fire.

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Eph. 5:25 Husbands, love your wives, even as Christ also loved the church, and gave himself for it;

26 That he might **sanctify and cleanse it with the washing of water by the word,**

27 That he might present it to himself **a glorious church, not having spot, or wrinkle, or any such thing; but that it should be holy and without blemish.**

(b) To Revive, 3:4

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2 Tim. 2:4 No man that warreth entangleth himself with the affairs of *this* life; **that he may please him who hath chosen him to be a soldier.**

Heb. 11:6 But **without faith *it is impossible to please him***: for he that cometh to God must believe that he is, and *that* he is a rewarder of them that diligently seek him.

Heb. 13:16 But to do good and to communicate forget not: for with **such sacrifices God is well pleased.**

1 Sam. 15:22 And Samuel said, **Hath the LORD *as great delight*** in burnt offerings and sacrifices, **as in obeying the voice of the LORD?** Behold, to obey *is* better than sacrifice, *and* to hearken than the fat of rams.

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Prov. 12:22 Lying lips *are* abomination to the LORD: but **they that deal truly *are* his delight.**

Prov. 15:8 The sacrifice of the wicked *is* an abomination to the LORD: but **the prayer of the upright *is* his delight.**

Jer. 9:24 But let him that glorieth glory in this, that he understandeth and knoweth me, that I *am* the LORD which exercise **lovingkindness, judgment, and righteousness**, in the earth: for **in these *things* I delight, saith the LORD.**

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(c) To Remove, 3:5

Mal. 3:5 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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2 Pet. 3:9 The Lord is not slack concerning his promise, as some men count slackness; but is longsuffering to us-ward, not willing that any should perish, but that all should come to repentance.

10 But the day of the Lord will come as a thief in the night; in the which the heavens shall pass away with a great noise, and the elements shall melt with fervent heat, the earth also and the works that are therein shall be burned up.

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Ezek. 20:34 And **I will bring you out from the people, and will gather you out of the countries wherein ye are scattered**, with a mighty hand, and with a stretched out arm, and with fury poured out.

35 And I will bring you into the wilderness of the people, and **there will I plead with you face to face.**

36 **Like as I pleaded with your fathers in the wilderness of the land of Egypt**, so will I plead with you, saith the Lord GOD.

37 And **I will** cause you to pass under the rod, and **I will** bring you into the bond of the covenant:

38 And **I will** purge out from among you the rebels, and them that transgress against me: **I will** bring them forth out of the country where they sojourn, and they shall not enter into the land of Israel: and **ye shall know that I am the LORD.**

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(3) His Immutable
Righteousness, 3:6

Mal. 3: 6 For **I am the LORD, I change not**; therefore ye sons of Jacob **are not consumed**.

Rom. 4:6 Even as David also describeth the blessedness of the man, unto whom **God imputeth righteousness without works,**

Jas. 2:23 And the scripture was fulfilled which saith, **Abraham believed God, and it was imputed unto him for righteousness:** and he was called the Friend of God.

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Conclusion

Jer. 30:11 For **I am with thee, saith the LORD**, to save thee: though I make a full end of all nations whither I have scattered thee, **yet will I not make a full end of thee: but I will correct thee in measure, and will not leave thee altogether unpunished.**

Heb. 13:5 *Let your conversation be without covetousness; and be content with such things as ye have: for he hath said, **I will never leave thee, nor forsake thee.***

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