

Malachi 1 – A Great King

First it is important to review [The Bible Timelines](#) to understand who is speaking and to whom he is speaking and why he is speaking these Words.

Malachi would reprove the people for their lack of reverence toward the LORD. They would have only recently been made free to return to their homeland. Their failure to devote themselves to the LORD was seen in every aspect of their lives. They went through the motions of being worshipful and gave the appearance of devotion. However, they did not seek the LORD. Interestingly, Malachi would prophesy during the time which Plato and Socrates lived. During that time the Socratic method of asking questions was employed in seeking “Truth.” So it is no wonder that unlike so many other prophets, Malachi used as many as 27 questions while pouring out the burden of the Word upon Israel that had forgotten its captivity and its freedom.

Whereas, Haggai and Zechariah were sent to reprove Israel for not building the temple, Malachi was sent to reprove Israel for neglecting the temple built. The Temple sometimes referred to as the Temple of Ezra. Further, Malachi did reprove Israel for profaning the proper Temple service as it had become its service had become idolatrous and superstitious and priests acted improperly and impiously.

Israel had received the in vain due to their neglect of God and all of His mighty works in the midst of Israel, His people.

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The Burden

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¹ The **burden of the Word** of the LORD to Israel by Malachi.

Burden – [OT:4853](#) מַשָּׂא **massa'** (mas-saw'); from [OT:5375](#); a burden; specifically, tribute, or (abstractly) portage; figuratively, an utterance, chiefly a doom, especially singing; mental, desire:

KJV - burden, carry away, prophecy, ^x they set, song, tribute.

Word – [OT:1697](#) דָּבָר **dabar** (daw-baw'); from [OT:1696](#); a word; by implication, a matter (as spoken of) or thing; adverbially, a cause:

KJV - act, advice, affair, answer, ^x any such (thing), because of, book, business, care, case, cause, certain rate, ⁺ chronicles, commandment, ^x commune (-ication), ⁺ concern [-ing], ⁺ confer, counsel, ⁺ dearth, decree, deed, ^x disease, due, duty, effect, ⁺ eloquent, errand, [evil favouredness-], ⁺ glory, ⁺ harm, hurt, ⁺ iniquity, ⁺ judgment, language, ⁺ lying, manner, matter, message, [no] thing, oracle, ^x ought, ^x parts, ⁺ pertaining, ⁺ please, portion, ⁺ power, promise, provision, purpose, question, rate, reason, report, request, ^x (as hast) said, sake, saying, sentence, ⁺ sign, ⁺ so, some [uncleanness], somewhat to say, ⁺ song, speech, ^x spoken, talk, task, ⁺ that, ^x there done, thing (concerning), thought, ⁺ thus, tidings, what [-soever], ⁺ wherewith, which, word, work.

Malachi – [OT:4401](#) מַלְאָכִי **Mal'akiy** (mal-aw-kee'); from the same as [OT:4397](#); ministrative; Malaki, a prophet: **KJV** - Malachi.

Psalm 78

³⁸ But he, being **full of compassion, forgave their iniquity**, and destroyed them not: yea, many a time **turned He his anger away**, and **did not stir up all His wrath**.

Psalm 86

¹⁵ But thou, O Lord, art a **God full of compassion, and gracious, long suffering, and plenteous in mercy and truth**.

Psalm 111

⁴ He hath made his wonderful works to be remembered: **the LORD is gracious and full of compassion**.

Psalm 112

⁴ Unto the upright there ariseth light in the darkness: **he is gracious, and full of compassion, and righteous**.

Psalm 145

⁸ **The LORD is gracious, and full of compassion; slow to anger, and of great mercy**.

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Lamentations 3

³² But though **He cause grief, yet will He have compassion** according to the **multitude of his mercies**.

Matthew 9 ...who are weak

³⁶ But when he saw the multitudes, he was **moved with compassion on them**, because they fainted, and were scattered abroad, as sheep **having no shepherd**.

Matthew 14 ...who are sick

¹⁴ And Jesus went forth, and saw a great multitude, and was **moved with compassion toward them**, and he healed their **sick**.

Matthew 15 ...who are hungry

³² Then Jesus called his disciples unto him, and said, **I have compassion on the multitude**, because they continue with me now three days, and **have nothing to eat**: and I will not send them away fasting, lest they faint in the way.

Matthew 20 ...who are blind

³⁴ So **Jesus had compassion on them**, and **touched their eyes**: and immediately their eyes received sight, and they followed him.

Mark 1 ...who are unclean

⁴¹ And Jesus, moved with **compassion**, put forth his hand, and touched him, and saith unto him, I will; be thou clean.

Romans 9 ...on whom He chooses

¹⁵ For he saith to Moses, **I will have mercy on whom I will have mercy**, and **I will have compassion on whom I will have compassion**.

1 Peter 3 ...and on whom He chooses toward those He chooses

⁸ Finally, be ye all of one mind, **having compassion one of another**, love as brethren, be pitiful, be courteous:

⁹ **Not rendering evil for evil**, or railing for railing: but contrariwise blessing; knowing that ye are thereunto called, that ye should **inherit a blessing**.

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Neglectful

James 1

²¹ Wherefore lay apart all filthiness and superfluity of naughtiness, and receive with meekness the engrafted word, which is able to save your souls.

...God is not deceived

²² But **be ye doers of the word**, and **not hearers only, deceiving your own selves.**

²³ For **if any be a hearer of the word, and not a doer**, he is like unto a man beholding his natural face in a glass:

²⁴ For he beholdeth himself, and goeth his way, and straightway forgetteth what manner of man he was.

Malachi 1 ...Ignorance of God's love

² **I have loved you**, saith the LORD. Yet ye say, **Wherein hast thou loved us?** Was not Esau Jacob's brother? saith the LORD: yet **I loved Jacob**,

Loved – [OT:157](#) אָהַב 'ahab (aw-hab'); or 'ahab (aw-hab)'; a primitive root; to have affection for (sexually or otherwise): **KJV** - (be-) love (-d, -ly, -r), like, friend.

Esau – [OT:6215](#) עֵשָׂו 'Esav (ay-sawv'); apparently a form of the passive participle of [OT:6213](#) in the original sense of handling; rough (i.e. sensibly felt); Esav, a son of Isaac, including his posterity: **KJV** - Esau.

John 3

¹⁶ For **God so loved the world, that he gave his only begotten Son**, that **whosoever believeth in him** should **not perish**, but have **everlasting life**.

1 John 4

¹¹ Beloved, if **God so loved us**, we ought also to **love one another**.

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Neglectful (*cont*)

Malachi 1 ...Astonishment of God's hate

³ And **I hated Esau**, and **laid his mountains and his heritage waste** for the **dragons of the wilderness**.

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Waste – [OT:8077](#) שְׁמָמָה **shemamah** (shem-aw-maw'); or **shimamah** (shee-mam-aw'); feminine of [OT:8076](#); devastation; figuratively, astonishment: **KJV** - (laid, ^xmost) desolate (-ion), waste.

Dragons – [OT:8568](#) תַּנְיָה **tannah** (tan-naw'); probably feminine of [OT:8565](#); a female jackal: **KJV** - dragon.

Wilderness – [OT:4057](#) מִדְבָּר **midbar** (mid-baw'r'); from [OT:1696](#) in the sense of driving; a pasture (i.e. open field, whither cattle are driven); by implication, a desert; also speech (including its organs): **KJV** - desert, south, speech, wilderness.

Malachi 1 ...every excuse to postpone God's command

⁴ Whereas Edom saith, **We are impoverished**, but we will **return and build the desolate places**; thus saith the LORD of hosts, They shall build, **but I will throw down**; and they shall call them, **The border of wickedness**, and, The **people against whom the LORD hath indignation for ever**.

Edom – [OT:123](#) אֶדְוִם 'Edom (ed-ome'); or (fully) 'Edowm (ed-ome)'; from [OT:122](#); red [see [Gen 25:25](#)]; Edom, the elder twin-brother of Jacob; hence the region (Idumaea) occupied by him: **KJV** - Edom, Edomites, Idumea.

Impoverished – [OT:7567](#) רָשָׁשׁ **rashash** (raw-shash'); a primitive root; to demolish: **KJV** - impoverish.

Desolate places – [OT:2723](#) חֹרְבָה **chorbah** (khor-baw'); feminine of [OT:2721](#); properly, drought, i.e. (by implication) a desolation: **KJV** - decayed place, desolate (place, -tion), destruction, (laid) waste (place).

Throw down – [OT:2040](#) הָרַס **harac** (haw-ras'); a primitive root; to pull down or in pieces, break, destroy:

KJV - beat down, break (down, through), destroy, overthrow, pluck down, pull down, ruin, throw down, ^xutterly.

Call – [OT:7121](#) קָרָא **qara'** (kaw-raw'); a primitive root [rather identical with [OT:7122](#) through the idea of accosting a person met]; to call out to (i.e. properly, address by name, but used in a wide variety of applications): **KJV** - bewray [self], that are bidden, call (for, forthself, upon), cry (unto), (be) famous, guest, invite, mention, (give) name, preach, (make) proclaim (-ation), pronounce, publish, read, renowned, say.

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Border – [OT:1366](#) גְּבוּל **gebuwl** (gheb-ool'); or (shortened) **gebul** (gheb-ool'); from [OT:1379](#); properly, a cord (as twisted), i.e. (by implication) a boundary; by extens. the territory inclosed:

KJV - border, bound, coast, ^xgreat, landmark, limit, quarter, space.

Wickedness – [OT:7564](#) רִשְׁעָה **rish`ah** (rish-aw'); feminine of [OT:7562](#); wrong (especially moral): **KJV** - fault, wickedly (-ness).

Indignation – [OT:2194](#) זַעַם **za`am** (zaw-am'); a primitive root; properly, to foam at the mouth, i.e. to be enraged:

KJV - abhor, abominable, (be) angry, defy, (have) indignation.

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Malachi 1 ...lacked vision

⁵ And **your eyes shall see**, and ye shall say, **The LORD will be magnified from the border of Israel.**

Magnified – [OT:1431](#) גָּדַל **gadal** (gaw-dal'); a primitive root; properly, to twist [compare [OT:1434](#)], i.e. to be (causatively make) large (in various senses, as in body, mind, estate or honor, also in pride):

KJV - advance, boast, bring up, exceed, excellent, be (-come, do, give, make, wax), great (-er, come to ... estate, + things), grow (up), increase, lift up, magnify (-ifical), be much set by, nourish (up), pass, promote, proudly [spoken], tower.

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Proverbs 29

¹⁸ Where there is no **vision**, the people perish: but he that keepeth the law, happy is he.

Isaiah 28:7

But they also have erred through wine, and through strong drink are out of the way; the priest and the prophet have erred through strong drink, they are swallowed up of wine, they are out of the way through strong drink; they err in **vision**, they stumble in judgment.

Isaiah 29

¹⁰ For the LORD hath **poured out upon you the spirit of deep sleep**, and hath closed **your eyes**: the **prophets and your rulers, the seers hath he covered**.

¹¹ And the **vision of all is become unto you as the words of a book that is sealed**, which men deliver to one that is learned, saying, Read this, I pray thee: and he saith, I cannot; for **it is sealed**:

¹² And the book is **delivered to him that is not learned**, saying, Read this, I pray thee: and he saith, **I am not learned**.

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Dishonorable

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⁶ A son **honoureth** his father, and a servant his **master**: if then I be a father, where is mine **honour**? and if I be a master, where is my fear? saith the LORD of hosts unto you, O priests, that **despise my name**. And ye say, Wherein have we **despised thy name**?

Honoureth – [OT:3513](#) כָּבַד **kabad** (kaw-bad'); or **kabed** (kaw-bade'); a primitive root; to be heavy, i.e. in a bad sense (burdensome, severe, dull) or in a good sense (numerous, rich, honorable; causatively, to make weighty (in the same two senses):

KJV - abounding with, more grievously afflict, boast, be chargeable, ^xbe dim, glorify, be (make) glorious (things), glory, (very) great, be grievous, harden, be (make) heavy, be heavier, lay heavily, (bring to, come to, do, get, be had in) honour (self), (be) honourable (man), lade, ^xmore be laid, makeself many, nobles, prevail, promote (to honour), be rich, be (go) sore, stop.

Master – [OT:113](#) אָדוֹן 'adown (aw-done'); or (shortened) 'adon (aw-done'); from an unused root (meaning to rule); sovereign, i.e. controller (human or divine):

KJV - lord, master, owner. Compare also names beginning with "Adoni-".

Honour – [OT:3519](#) כְּבוֹד **kabowd** (kaw-bode'); rarely kabod (kaw-bode'); from [OT:3513](#); properly, weight, but only figuratively in a good sense, splendor or copiousness: -glorious (-ly), glory, honour (-able).

Despise – [OT:959](#) בָּזָה **bazah** (baw-zaw'); a primitive root; to disesteem:

KJV - despise, disdain, contemn (-ptible), ⁺ think to scorn, vile person.

Name – [OT:8034](#) שֵׁם **shem** (shame); a primitive word [perhaps rather from [OT:7760](#) through the idea of definite and conspicuous position; compare [OT:8064](#)]; an appellation, as a mark or memorial of individuality; by implication honor, authority, character:

KJV - ⁺ base, [in-] fame [-ous], named (-d), renown, report.

Psalm 35

²⁶ Let them be **ashamed and brought to confusion** together that rejoice at mine hurt: **let them be clothed with shame and dishonour that magnify themselves against me.**

Psalm 71

¹³ Let them be **confounded and consumed that are adversaries to my soul**; let them be **covered with reproach and dishonour** that seek my hurt.

Romans 2

²³ Thou that makest thy **boast of the law**, through **breaking the law dishonourest thou God?**

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Dishonorable (*cont*)

Romans 9

²¹ Hath not the **potter power over the clay**, of the same lump to make one vessel unto honour, and another unto dishonour?

2 Timothy 2

²⁰ But in a great house there are **not only vessels of gold and of silver**, but also of wood and of earth; and **some to honour, and some to dishonour**.

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Disgraceful

Malachi 1

⁷ Ye **offer polluted bread** upon mine altar; and ye say, **Wherein have we polluted thee?** In that ye say, **The table of the LORD is contemptible** [despicable, disgraceful, loathsome].

Offer – [OT:5066](#) **שָׁנַח** **nagash** (naw-gash'); a primitive root; to be or come (causatively, bring) near (for any purpose); euphemistically, to lie with a woman; as an enemy, to attack; relig. to worship; causatively, to present; figuratively, to adduce an argument; by reversal, to stand back:

KJV - (make to) approach (nigh), bring (forth, hither, near), (cause to) come (hither, near, nigh), give place, go hard (up), (be, draw, go) near (nigh), offer, overtake, present, put, stand.

Polluted – [OT:1351](#) **לִנְזַף** **ga'al** (gaw-al'); a primitive root, [rather identified with [OT:1350](#), through the idea of freeing, i.e. repudiating]; to soil or (figuratively) desecrate: **KJV** - defile, pollute, stain.

Bread – [OT:3899](#) **לֶחֶם** **lechem** (lekh'-em); from [OT:3898](#); food (for man or beast), especially bread, or grain (for making it):

KJV - ([shew-]) bread, ^xeat, food, fruit, loaf, meat, victuals. See also [OT:1036](#).

LORD – [OT:3068](#) **יְהוָה** **Yehovah** (yeh-ho-vaw'); from [OT:1961](#); (the) self-Existent or Eternal; Jehovah, Jewish national name of God:

KJV - Jehovah, the Lord. Compare [OT:3050](#), [OT:3069](#).

Contemptible – [OT:959](#) **בָּזָה** **bazah** (baw-zaw'); a primitive root; to disesteem:

KJV - despise, disdain, contemn (-ptible), ⁺ think to scorn, vile person.

Jeremiah 34

¹⁶ But ye **turned and polluted my name**, and caused every man his servant, and every man his handmaid, whom he had set at liberty at their pleasure, to return, and brought them into subjection, to be unto you for servants and for handmaids.

Lamentations 4

¹⁴ They have wandered as blind men in the streets, they have **polluted** themselves with blood, so that men could not touch their garments.

Hosea 9

⁴ They shall not offer wine offerings to the LORD, neither shall they be pleasing unto Him: their sacrifices shall be unto them as the bread of mourners; all that eat thereof shall be polluted: for their **bread for their soul** shall not come into the house of the LORD.

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Displeasureable

Malachi 1

⁸ And if ye offer the blind for sacrifice, is it not evil? and if ye offer the lame and sick, is it not evil? offer it now unto thy governor; will he be pleased with thee, or accept thy person? saith the LORD of hosts.

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Sacrifice – [OT:2076](#) **זָבַח** **zabach** (zaw-bakh'); a primitive root; to slaughter an animal (usually in sacrifice): **KJV** - kill, offer, (do) sacrifice, slay.

Evil – [OT:7451](#) **רָע** **ra`** (rah); from [OT:7489](#); bad or (as noun) evil (natural or moral):

KJV - adversity, affliction, bad, calamity, + displease (-ure), distress, evil ([-favouredness], man, thing), + exceedingly, ^xgreat, grief (-vous), harm, heavy, hurt (-ful), ill (favoured), + mark, mischief (-vous), misery, naught (-ty), noisome, + not please, sad (-ly), sore, sorrow, trouble, vex, wicked (-ly, -ness, one), worse (-st), wretchedness, wrong. [Incl. feminine ra`ah; as adjective or noun.].

Governor – [OT:6346](#) **פֶּחָח** **pechah** (peh-khaw'); of foreign origin; a prefect (of a city or small district): **KJV** - captain, deputy, governor.

Pleased – [OT:7521](#) **רָצָה** **ratsah** (raw-tsaw'); a primitive root; to be pleased with; specifically, to satisfy a debt:

KJV - (be) accept (-able), accomplish, set affection, approve, consent with, delight (self), enjoy, (be, have a) favour (-able), like, observe, pardon, (be, have, take) please (-ure), reconcilesself.

Accept – [OT:5375](#) **נָסָא** **nasa'** (naw-saw'); or **nacah** ([Ps 4:6](#) [[OT:7](#)]) (naw-saw'); a primitive root; to lift, in a great variety of applications, literal and figurative, absol. and rel. (as follows):

KJV - accept, advance, arise, (able to, [armor], suffer to) bear (-er, up), bring (forth), burn, carry (away), cast, contain, desire, ease, exact, exalt (self), extol, fetch, forgive, furnish, further, give, go on, help, high, hold up, honorable (+man), lade, lay, lift (self) up, lofty, marry, magnify, ^xneeds, obtain, pardon, raise (up), receive, regard, respect, set (up), spare, stir up, + swear, take (away, up), ^xutterly, wear, yield.

Proverbs 21

¹⁷ He that loveth pleasure shall be a poor man: he that loveth wine and oil shall not be rich.

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Displeasureable (*cont*)

Philippians 2

¹³ For it is **God** which worketh in you both to will and to do of **his good pleasure**.

2 Thessalonians 2

⁷ For the mystery of iniquity doth already work: only he who now letteth will let, until he be taken out of the way.

⁸ And then shall that Wicked be revealed, whom the Lord shall consume with the spirit of his mouth, and shall destroy with the brightness of his coming:

⁹ Even him, whose coming is after the working of Satan with all power and signs and lying wonders,

¹⁰ And with all **deceivableness of unrighteousness in them that perish**; because they **received not the love of the truth, that they might be saved**.

¹¹ And for this cause **God shall send them strong delusion**, that they **should believe a lie**:

¹² **That they all might be damned who believed not the truth, but had pleasure in unrighteousness**.

¹³ But **we are bound to give thanks alway to God** for you, brethren beloved of the Lord, because God hath from the beginning **chosen you to salvation through sanctification of the Spirit and belief of the truth**:

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Disrespectable

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⁹ And now, **I pray you, beseech God that he will be gracious unto us: this hath been by your means: will he regard your persons?** saith the LORD of hosts.

Gracious – [OT:2603](#) **חָנָן** (*chanan* (khaw-nan')); a primitive root [compare [OT:2583](#)]; properly, to bend or stoop in kindness to an inferior; to favor, bestow; causatively to implore (i.e. move to favor by petition):

KJV - beseech, ^x fair, (be, find, shew) favour (-able), be (deal, give, grant (gracious (-ly)), intreat, (be) merciful, have (shew) mercy (on, upon), have pity upon, pray, make supplication, ^x very.

Means – [OT:3027](#) **יָד** (*yad* (yawd)); a primitive word; a hand (the open one [indicating power, means, direction, etc.], in distinction from [OT:3709](#), the closed one); used (as noun, adverb, etc.) in a great variety of applications, both literally and figuratively, both proximate and remote [as follows]:

KJV - (+be) able, ^x about, ⁺ armholes, at, axletree, because of, beside, border, ^x bounty, ⁺ broad, [broken-] handed, ^x by, charge, coast, ⁺ consecrate, ⁺ creditor, custody, debt, dominion, ^x enough, ⁺ fellowship, force, ^x from, hand [-staves, -y work], ^x he, himself, ^x in, labour, ⁺ large, ledge, [left-] handed, means, ^x mine, ministry, near, ^x of, ^x order, ordinance, ^x our, parts, pain, power, ^x presumptuously, service, side, sore, state, stay, draw with strength, stroke, ⁺ swear, terror, ^x thee, ^x by them, ^x themselves, ^x thine own, ^x thou, through, ^x throwing, ⁺ thumb, times, ^x to, ^x under, ^x us, ^x wait on, [way-] side, where, ⁺ wide, ^x with (him, me, you), work, ⁺ yield, ^x yourselves.

Regard – [OT:5375](#) **נָסָא** (*nasa'* (naw-saw')); or **נָסַח** ([Ps 4:6](#) [[OT:7](#)]) (*naw-saw'*); a primitive root; to lift, in a great variety of applications, literal and figurative, absol. and rel. (as follows):

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Psalm 28

⁵ Because they **regard not the works of the LORD**, nor the **operation of his hands**, he **shall destroy them, and not build them up.**

Psalm 31

⁶ I have **hated them that regard lying vanities**: but I trust in the LORD.

Psalm 66

¹⁸ **If I regard iniquity in my heart, the Lord will not hear me:**

Psalm 102

¹⁷ He will **regard the prayer of the destitute, and not despise their prayer.**

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Disaffectionate

Malachi 1

¹⁰ Who is there even among you that would **shut the doors for nought?** neither do ye **kindle fire on mine altar for nought. I have no pleasure in you**, saith the LORD of hosts, **neither will I accept an offering at your hand.**

Doors – [OT:1817](#) דַּלְתַּיִם **deleth** (deh'-leth); from [OT:1802](#); something swinging, i.e. the valve of a door:

KJV - door (two-leaved), gate, leaf, lid. [In [Ps 141:3](#), dal, irreg.].

Kindle – [OT:215](#) אָרַר **'owr** (ore); a primitive root; to be (causative, make) luminous (literally and metaphorically):

KJV - ^x break of day, glorious, kindle, (be, en-, give, show) light (-en, -ened), set on fire, shine.

Pleasure – [OT:2656](#) חֵפֶצִים **chephets** (khay'-fets); from [OT:2654](#); pleasure; hence (abstractly) desire; concretely, a valuable thing; hence (by extension) a matter (as something in mind):

KJV - acceptable, delight (-some), desire, things desired, matter, pleasant (-ure), purpose, willingly.

Accept – [OT:7521](#) רָצָה **ratsah** (raw-tsaw'); a primitive root; to be pleased with; specifically, to satisfy a debt:

KJV - (be) accept (-able), accomplish, set affection, approve, consent with, delight (self), enjoy, (be, have a) favour (-able), like, observe, pardon, (be, have, take) please (-ure), reconcileself.

Offering – [OT:4503](#) מִנְחָה **minchah** (min-khaw'); from an unused root meaning to apportion, i.e. bestow; a donation; euphemistically, tribute; specifically a sacrificial offering (usually bloodless and voluntary):

KJV - gift, oblation, (meat) offering, present, sacrifice.

Romans 1

³¹ Without understanding, covenantbreakers, **without natural affection**, implacable, unmerciful:

2 Timothy 3

³ Without natural **affection**, trucebreakers, false accusers, incontinent, fierce, despisers of those that are good,

Galatians 5

²⁴ And they that are Christ's have crucified the flesh with the affections and lusts.

Romans 12

¹⁰ Be kindly affectioned one to another with brotherly love; in honour preferring one another;

Colossians 3

² Set your affection on things above, not on things on the earth.

Malachi 1 – A Great King

Disesteem

Malachi 1

¹¹ For from the rising of the sun even unto the going down of the same **my name shall be great among the Gentiles**; and in every place incense shall be offered unto my name, and a pure offering: for **my name shall be great among the heathen**, saith the LORD of hosts.

Incense – [OT:6999](#) קָטַר **qatar** (kaw-tar'); a primitive root [identical with [OT:7000](#) through the idea of fumigation in a close place and perhaps thus driving out the occupants]; to smoke, i.e. turn into fragrance by fire (especially as an act of worship):

KJV - burn (incense, sacrifice) (upon), (altar for) incense, kindle, offer (incense, a sacrifice).

Psalm 119

¹²⁸ Therefore **I esteem all thy precepts concerning all things to be right**; and **I hate every false way**.

Isaiah 53

³ He is **despised and rejected of men**; a man of sorrows, and acquainted with grief: and we hid as it were our faces from him; he was **despised**, and **we esteemed Him not**.

Isaiah 53 (Jesus did NOT suffer the wrath of God)

⁴ Surely He hath borne our griefs, and carried our sorrows: yet we did **esteem Him stricken, smitten of God, and afflicted**.

Philippians 2

³ Let nothing be done through strife or vainglory; but in lowliness of mind **let each esteem other better than themselves**.

1 Thessalonians 5:13

And to **esteem them very highly in love for their work's sake**. And **be at peace among yourselves**.

Malachi 1 – A Great King

Disparagement

Malachi 1 ...profane (blaspheme, irreverent, disrespectful)

¹² But **ye have profaned it**, in that ye say, The **table of the LORD is polluted**; and the fruit thereof, even his **meat, is contemptible**.

Profaned – [OT:2490](#) לָלַחַל **chalal** (khaw-lal'); a primitive root [compare [OT:2470](#)]; properly, to bore, i.e. (by implication) to wound, to dissolve; figuratively, to profane (a person, place or thing), to break (one's word), to begin (as if by an "opening wedge"); denom. (from [OT:2485](#)) to play (the flute):

KJV - begin (X men began), defile, X break, defile, X eat (as common things), X first, X gather the grape thereof, X take inheritance, pipe, player on instruments, pollute, (cast as) profane (self), prostitute, slay (slain), sorrow, stain, wound.

Polluted – [OT:1351](#) גָּאֵל **ga'al** (gaw-al'); a primitive root, [rather identified with [OT:1350](#), through the idea of freeing, i.e. repudiating]; to soil or (figuratively) desecrate: **KJV** - defile, pollute, stain.

Contemptible – [OT:959](#) בָּזָה **bazah** (baw-zaw'); a primitive root; to disesteem:

KJV - despise, disdain, contemn (-ptible), + think to scorn, vile person.

1 Timothy 1

⁹ Knowing this, **that the law is not made for a righteous man, but for the lawless and disobedient, for the ungodly and for sinners, for unholy and profane**, for murderers of fathers and murderers of mothers, for manslayers,

Malachi 1 ... Disdain

¹³ Ye said also, Behold, **what a weariness is it!** and ye have **snuffed at it**, saith the LORD of hosts; and ye **brought that which was torn, and the lame, and the sick**; thus ye **brought an offering: should I accept this of your hand?** saith the LORD.

Weariness – [OT:4972](#) מַטְלָא'ה **mattela'ah** (mat-tel-aw-aw'); from [OT:4100](#) and [OT:8513](#); what a trouble!: **KJV** - what a weariness.

Snuffed – [OT:5301](#) נָפַח **naphach** (naw-fakh'); a primitive root; to puff, in various applications (literally, to inflate, blow hard, scatter, kindle, expire; figuratively, to disesteem): **KJV** - blow, breath, give up, cause to lose [life], seething, snuff.

Mark 12

³³ And to **love him with all the heart**, and **with all the understanding**, and **with all the soul**, and **with all the strength**, and to **love his neighbour as himself**, is **more than all whole burnt offerings and sacrifices**.

Malachi 1 – A Great King

Irreverent

Malachi 1

¹⁴ But **cursed be the deceiver**, which hath in his flock a male, and **voweth, and sacrificeth unto the LORD a corrupt thing**: for **I am a great King**, saith the LORD of hosts, and **my name is dreadful among the heathen**.

Deceiver – [OT:5230](#) נָכַל **nakal** (naw-kal'); a prim root; to defraud, i.e. act treacherously: **KJV** - beguile, conspire, deceiver, deal subtilly.

Voweth – [OT:5087](#) נָדַר **nadar** (naw-dar'); a primitive root; to promise (pos., to do or give something to God): **KJV** - (make a) vow.

Sacrificeth – [OT:2076](#) זָבַח **zabach** (zaw-bakh'); a primitive root; to slaughter an animal (usually in sacrifice): **KJV** - kill, offer, (do) sacrifice, slay.

Corrupt thing – [OT:7843](#) שָׁחַת **shachath** (shaw-khath'); a primitive root; to decay, i.e. (causatively) ruin (literally or figuratively):

KJV - batter, cast off, corrupt (-er, thing), destroy (-er, -uction), lose, mar, perish, spill, spoiler, ^xutterly, waste (-r).

Dreadful – [OT:3372](#) יָרֵא **yare'** (yaw-ray'); a primitive root; to fear; morally, to revere; caus. to frighten:

KJV - affright, be (make) afraid, dread (-ful), (put in) fear (-ful, -fully, -ing), (be had in) reverence (-end), ^xsee, terrible (act, -ness, thing).

Ecclesiastes 5

⁴ When thou **vowest a vow unto God, defer not to pay it**; for he hath **no pleasure in fools: pay that which thou hast vowed**.

Ecclesiastes 5

⁵ Better is it that **thou shouldest not vow, than that thou shouldest vow and not pay**.

Psalms 22

²⁵ My praise shall be of thee in the great congregation: I will **pay my vows before them that fear him**.

Psalms 50

¹⁴ Offer unto God thanksgiving; and **pay thy vows unto the most High**:

Psalms 61

⁸ So will I sing praise unto thy name for ever, that I may **daily perform my VOWS**.

Malachi 1 – A Great King

Irreverent (*cont*)

Psalm 66

¹² Thou hast caused men to ride over our heads; we went through fire and through water: but thou broughtest us out into a wealthy place.

¹³ I will go into thy house with burnt offerings: **I will pay thee my vows,**

¹⁴ Which my lips have uttered, and my mouth hath spoken, when I was in trouble.

Psalm 76

¹¹ **Vow, and pay unto the LORD your God:** let all that be round about Him bring presents unto Him that ought to be feared.

Psalm 116

¹⁴ **I will pay my vows unto the LORD now in the presence of all his people.**

Malachi 2 – God does Understand

God's Future Commandment to the Priests

Malachi 2

¹ And now, O ye priests, **this commandment is for you.**

Commandment – [OT:4687](#) מִצְוָה **mitsvah** (mits-vaw'); from [OT:6680](#); a command, whether human or divine (collectively, the Law):

KJV - (which was) commanded (-ment), law, ordinance, precept.

Malachi 2

² If ye will **not hear**, and if ye will **not lay it to heart**, to **give glory unto my name**, saith the LORD of hosts, I will even **send a curse upon you**, and I will **curse your blessings**: yea, **I have cursed them already**, because ye do not lay it to heart.

Curse – [OT:3994](#) מַעֲרָרָה **me'erah** (meh-ay-rav'); from [OT:779](#); an execration:

KJV - curse.

Cursed – [OT:779](#) אָרַר **'arar** (aw-rar'); a primitive root; to execrate:

KJV - ~~x~~ bitterly curse.

Deuteronomy 11

²⁶ Behold, **I set before you this day a blessing and a curse;**

²⁷ A **blessing, if ye obey** the commandments of the LORD your God, which I command you this day:

²⁸ And a **curse, if ye will not obey** the commandments of the LORD your God, but **turn aside out of the way** which I command you this day, to **go after other gods**, which ye have not known.

Deuteronomy 27

¹⁸ **Cursed be he that maketh the blind to wander out of the way.** And all the people shall say, Amen.

Deuteronomy 23

⁵ Nevertheless the LORD thy God would not hearken unto Balaam; but the LORD thy **God turned the curse into a blessing** unto thee, because the LORD thy God loved thee.

Malachi 2 – God does Understand

God's Future Commandment to the Priests (*cont*)

Malachi 2 (*cont*)

² If ye will **not hear**, and if ye will **not lay it to heart**, to give glory unto my name, saith the LORD of hosts, I will even **send a curse upon you**, and I will **curse your blessings**: yea, **I have cursed them already**, because ye do not lay it to heart.

Deuteronomy 27:14-26 (King James Version)

¹⁴ And the Levites shall speak, and say unto all the men of Israel with a loud voice,

¹⁵ **Cursed** be the man that maketh any graven or molten image, an abomination unto the LORD, the work of the hands of the craftsman, and putteth it in a secret place. And all the people shall answer and say, Amen.

¹⁶ **Cursed** be he that setteth light by his father or his mother. And all the people shall say, Amen.

¹⁷ **Cursed** be he that removeth his neighbour's landmark. And all the people shall say, Amen.

¹⁸ **Cursed** be he that maketh the blind to wander out of the way. And all the people shall say, Amen.

¹⁹ **Cursed** be he that perverteth the judgment of the stranger, fatherless, and widow. And all the people shall say, Amen.

²⁰ **Cursed** be he that lieth with his father's wife; because he uncovereth his father's skirt. And all the people shall say, Amen.

²¹ **Cursed** be he that lieth with any manner of beast. And all the people shall say, Amen.

²² **Cursed** be he that lieth with his sister, the daughter of his father, or the daughter of his mother. And all the people shall say, Amen.

²³ **Cursed** be he that lieth with his mother in law. And all the people shall say, Amen.

²⁴ **Cursed** be he that smiteth his neighbour secretly. And all the people shall say, Amen.

²⁵ **Cursed** be he that taketh reward to slay an innocent person. And all the people shall say, Amen.

²⁶ **Cursed** be he that confirmeth not all the words of this law to do them. And all the people shall say, Amen.

Deuteronomy 28:14-19

¹⁴ And thou shalt not go aside from any of the words which I command thee this day, to the right hand, or to the left, to go after other gods to serve them.

¹⁵ But it shall come to pass, **if thou wilt not hearken unto the voice of the LORD** thy God, **to observe to do all his commandments and his statutes** which I command thee this day; that **all these curses shall come upon thee**, and overtake thee:

¹⁶ **Cursed** shalt thou be in the city, and cursed shalt thou be in the field.

¹⁷ **Cursed** shall be thy basket and thy store.

¹⁸ **Cursed** shall be the fruit of thy body, and the fruit of thy land, the increase of thy kine, and the flocks of thy sheep.

¹⁹ **Cursed** shalt thou be when thou comest in, and cursed shalt thou be when thou goest out.

Malachi 2 – God does Understand

God's Future Commandment to the Priests (*cont*)

Malachi 2 (*cont*)

²If ye will **not hear**, and if ye will **not lay it to heart**, to give glory unto my name, saith the LORD of hosts, I will even **send a curse upon you**, and I will **curse your blessings**: yea, **I have cursed them already**, because ye do not lay it to heart.

Jeremiah 48

¹⁰ **Cursed** be he that doeth the work of the LORD deceitfully, and **cursed** be he that keepeth back his sword from blood.

New Commandment?

John 13:34

A **new commandment** I give unto you, That ye love one another; as I have loved you, that ye also love one another.

Ephesians 2:15

Having abolished in his flesh the enmity, even the law of **commandments** contained in ordinances; for to make in himself of twain one **new** man, so making peace;

1 John 2:7

Brethren, I write no **new commandment** unto you, but an old **commandment** which ye had from the beginning. The old **commandment** is the word which ye have heard from the beginning.

1 John 2:8

Again, a **new commandment** I write unto you, which thing is true in him and in you: because the darkness is past, and the true light now shineth.

2 John 1:5

And now I beseech thee, lady, not as though I wrote a **new commandment** unto thee, but that which we had from the beginning, that we love one another.

Malachi 2 – God does Understand

God's Future Commandment to the Priests (*cont*)

Malachi 2

³ Behold, **I will corrupt your seed, and spread dung upon your faces**, even the **dung of your solemn feasts**; and **one shall take you away with it.**

Corrupt – [OT:1605](#) גַּעַר **ga`ar** (gaw-ar'); a primitive root; to chide:

KJV - corrupt, rebuke, reprove.

Seed – [OT:2233](#) זֶרַע **zera`** (zeh'-rah); from [OT:2232](#); seed; figuratively, fruit, plant, sowing-time, posterity: **KJV** - ^x carnally, child, fruitful, seed (-time), sowingtime.

Dung – [OT:6569](#) שִׁפְרִישׁ **peresh** (peh'-resh); from [OT:6567](#); excrement (as eliminated): **KJV** - dung.

Solemn feasts – [OT:2282](#) חַג **chag** (khag); or **chag** (khawg); from [OT:2287](#); a festival, or a victim therefor: **KJV** - (solemn) feast (day), sacrifice, solemnity.

Psalm 62

⁴ They only consult to cast him down from his excellency: they **delight in lies: they bless with their mouth, but they curse inwardly.** Selah.

Proverbs 30

¹¹ There is a generation that curseth their father, and doth not bless their mother.

Malachi 2 – God does Understand

God's Future Commandment to the Priests (*cont*)

Malachi 2

⁴ And ye shall know that **I have sent this commandment** unto you, that my **covenant might be with Levi**, saith the LORD of hosts.

Covenant – [OT:1285](#) בְּרִיתְיָ **beriyth** (ber-eeth'); from [OT:1262](#) (in the sense of cutting [like [OT:1254](#)]); a compact (because made by passing between pieces of flesh): -confederacy, [con-] feder [-ate], covenant, league.

Levi – [OT:3878](#) לֵוִי **Leviy** (lay-vee'); from [OT:3867](#); attached; Levi, a son of Jacob:
KJV - Levi. See also [OT:3879](#), [OT:3881](#).

Galatians 3

¹⁰ For as many as are of the **works of the law** are under the curse: for it is written, **Cursed is every one that continueth not in all things which are written in the book of the law to do them.**

Malachi 2 – God does Understand

God's Former Covenant for Priests

Malachi 2

⁵ My **covenant** was [formerly] with him of **life and peace**; and I gave them to him for the fear wherewith he **feared** me, and was afraid before my name.

Covenant – [OT:1285](#) בְּרִיתַי **beriyth** (ber-eeth'); from [OT:1262](#) (in the sense of cutting [like [OT:1254](#)]); a compact (because made by passing between pieces of flesh): -confederacy, [con-] feder [-ate], covenant, league.

Peace – [OT:7965](#) שְׁלוֹמִים **shalowm** (shaw-lome'); or **shalom** (shaw-lome'); from [OT:7999](#); safe, i.e. (figuratively) well, happy, friendly; also (abstractly) welfare, i.e. health, prosperity, peace:

KJV - ^xdo, familiar, ^xfare, favour, + friend, ^xgreat, (good) health, (X perfect, such as be at) peace (-able, -ably), prosper (-ity, -ous), rest, safe (-ty), salute, welfare, (X all is, be) well, ^xwholly.

Feared – [OT:3372](#) יָרֵא **yare'** (yaw-ray'); a primitive root; to fear; morally, to revere; caus. to frighten:

KJV - affright, be (make) afraid, dread (-ful), (put in) fear (-ful, -fully, -ing), (be had in) reverence (-end), ^xsee, terrible (act, -ness, thing).

Proverbs 3

¹ My son, **forget not my law**; but let thine heart **keep my commandments**:

² For **length of days**, and **long life**, and **peace**, shall they add to thee.

³ Let not mercy and truth forsake thee: bind them about thy neck; **write them upon the table of thine heart**:

Romans 8

⁵ For they that are after the flesh do mind the things of the flesh; but they that are after the Spirit the things of the Spirit.

⁶ For to be **carnally minded is death**; but to be **spiritually minded is life and peace**.

⁷ Because the **carnal mind is enmity against God**: for it is **not subject to the law of God**, neither indeed can be.

Romans 7

²⁵ I thank God through Jesus Christ our Lord. So then **with the mind I myself serve the law of God**; but **with the flesh the law of sin**.

Romans 7

²² For **I delight in the law of God** after the inward man:

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God's Former Covenant for Priests (*cont*)

Malachi 2

⁶The **law of truth** was in his mouth, and **iniquity** was not **found** in his lips: he **walked with me in peace and equity**, and **did turn** many away from **iniquity**.

Law – [OT:8451](#) תּוֹרָה **towrah** (to-raw'); or **torah** (to-raw'); from [OT:3384](#); a precept or statute, especially the Decalogue or Pentateuch: **KJV** - law.

Truth – [OT:571](#) אֱמֶת **'emeth** (eh'-meth); contracted from [OT:539](#); stability; (figuratively) certainty, truth, trustworthiness:

KJV - assured (-ly), establishment, faithful, right, sure, true (-ly, -th), verity.

Iniquity – [OT:5766](#) עֲוֹן **'evel** (eh'-vel); or `avel (aw'-vel); and (feminine) `avlah (av-law'); or `owlah (o-law'); or `olah (o-law'); from [OT:5765](#); (moral) evil:

KJV - iniquity, perverseness, unjust (-ly), unrighteousness (-ly); wicked (-ness).

Found – [OT:4672](#) מָצָא **matsa'** (maw-tsaw'); a primitive root; properly, to come forth to, i.e. appear or exist; transitively, to attain, i.e. find or acquire; figuratively, to occur, meet or be present:

KJV - * be able, befall, being, catch, * certainly, (cause to) come (on, to, to hand), deliver, be enough (cause to) find (-ing, occasion, out), get (hold upon), * have (here), be here, hit, be left, light (up-) on, meet (with), * occasion serve, (be) present, ready, speed, suffice, take hold on.

Equity – [OT:4334](#) מִישׁוֹר **miyshowr** (mee-shore'); or **miyshor** (mee-shore'); from [OT:3474](#); a level, i.e. a plain (often used [with the article prefix] as a properly, name of certain districts); figuratively, concord; also straightness, i.e. (figuratively) justice (sometimes adverbially, justly):

KJV - equity, even place, plain, right (-eously), (made) straight, uprightness.

Turn – [OT:7725](#) שׁוּב **shuwb** (shoob); a primitive root; to turn back (hence, away) transitively or intransitively, literally or figuratively (not necessarily with the idea of return to the starting point); generally to retreat; often adverbial, again:

KJV - ([break, build, circumcise, dig, do anything, do evil, feed, lay down, lie down, lodge, make, rejoice, send, take, weep]) * again, (cause to) answer (+again), * in any case (wise), * at all, averse, bring (again, back, home again), call [to mind], carry again (back), cease, * certainly, come again (back), * consider, + continually, convert, deliver (again), + deny, draw back, fetch home again, * fro, get [oneself] (back) again, * give (again), go again (back, home), [go] out, hinder, let, [see] more, * needs, be past, * pay, pervert, pull in again, put (again, up again), recall, recompense, recover, refresh, relieve, render (again), requite, rescue, restore, retrieve, (cause to, make to) return, reverse, reward, + say nay, send back, set again, slide back, still, * surely, t

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God's Former Covenant for Priests (*cont*)

Malachi 2 (*cont*)

⁶The **law of truth** was in his mouth, and **iniquity** was not **found** in his lips: he **walked with me in peace and equity**, and **did turn** many away from **iniquity**.

Iniquity – [OT:5771](#) אָוֹן **`avon** (aw-vone'); or `avown ([2 Kings 7:9](#); [Ps 51:5 \[OT:7\]](#)) (aw-vone'); from [OT:5753](#); perversity, i.e. (moral) evil:
KJV - fault, iniquity, mischief, punishment (of iniquity), sin.

Malachi 2 – God does Understand

Requirement of God's Messenger

Malachi 2

⁷ For the **priest's lips should keep knowledge**, and they should **seek the law at his mouth**: for **he is the messenger** of the LORD of hosts.

Keep – [OT:8104](#) שָׁמַר **shamar** (shaw-mar'); a primitive root; properly, to hedge about (as with thorns), i.e. guard; generally, to protect, attend to, etc.:

KJV - beware, be circumspect, take heed (to self), keep (-erself), mark, look narrowly, observe, preserve, regard, reserve, save (self), sure, (that lay) wait (for), watch (-man).

Knowledge – [OT:1847](#) דָּעָה **da`ath** (dah'-ath); from [OT:3045](#); knowledge:

KJV - cunning, [ig-] norantly, know (-ledge), [un-] awares (wittingly).

Seek – [OT:1245](#) בָּקַשׁ **baqash** (baw-kash'); a primitive root; to search out (by any method, specifically in worship or prayer); by implication, to strive after:

KJV - ask, beg, beseech, desire, enquire, get, make inquisition, procure, (make) request, require, seek (for).

Messenger – [OT:4397](#) מַלְאָךְ **mal'ak** (mal-awk'); from an unused root meaning to despatch as a deputy; a messenger; specifically, of God, i.e. an angel (also a prophet, priest or teacher): **KJV** - ambassador, angel, king, messenger.

2 Chronicles 36

¹⁵ And the LORD God of their fathers **sent to them by his messengers**, rising up betimes, and sending; because **he had compassion on his people**, and on **his dwelling place**:

¹⁶ But **they mocked the messengers of God**, and **despised his words**, and **misused his prophets**, until the wrath of the LORD arose against his people, **till there was no remedy**.

¹⁷ Therefore he brought upon them the king of the Chaldees, who slew their young men with the sword in the house of their sanctuary, and had no compassion upon young man or maiden, old man, or him that stooped for age: he gave them all into his hand.

Malachi 2 – God does Understand

Requirement of God's Messenger (*cont*)

Malachi 2

⁸ But ye are **departed out of the way**; ye have **caused many to stumble** at the law; ye have **corrupted the covenant** of Levi, saith the LORD of hosts.

Departed – [OT:5493](#) סוּר **cuwr** (soor); or **suwr** ([Hos 9:12](#)) (soor); a primitive root; to turn off (literal or figurative):

KJV - be [-head], bring, call back, decline, depart, eschew, get [you], go (aside), ^xgrievous, lay away (by), leave undone, be past, pluck away, put (away, down), rebel, remove (to and fro), revolt, ^xbe sour, take (away, off), turn (aside, away, in), withdraw, be without.

Stumble – [OT:3782](#) כָּשַׁל **kashal** (kaw-shal'); a primitive root; to totter or waver (through weakness of the legs, especially the ankle); by implication, to falter, stumble, faint or fall:

KJV - bereave [from the margin], cast down, be decayed, (cause to) fail, (cause, make to) fall (down, -ing), feeble, be (the) ruin (-ed, of), (be) overthrown, (cause to) stumble, ^xutterly, be weak.

Corrupted – [OT:7843](#) שָׁחַת **shachath** (shaw-khath'); a primitive root; to decay, i.e. (causatively) ruin (literally or figuratively):

KJV - batter, cast off, corrupt (-er, thing), destroy (-er, -uction), lose, mar, perish, spill, spoiler, ^xutterly, waste (-r).

Covenant – [OT:1285](#) בְּרִית **beriyth** (ber-eeth'); from [OT:1262](#) (in the sense of cutting [like [OT:1254](#)]); a compact (because made by passing between pieces of flesh): -confederacy, [con-] feder [-ate], covenant, league.

Romans 9

³¹ But Israel, which followed after the law of righteousness, hath not attained to the law of righteousness.

³² Wherefore? Because they **sought it not by faith**, but as it were by the **works of the law**. For they **stumbled at that stumblingstone**;

³³ As it is written, Behold, I lay in Sion a stumblingstone and **rock of offence**: and **whosoever believeth on him shall not be ashamed** [in the END].

Malachi 2 – God does Understand

God's Contempt

Malachi 2

⁹ Therefore have I also **made you contemptible and base** before all the people, according as ye have **not kept my ways**, but have **been partial in the law**.

Contemptible – [OT:959](#) בָּזָהּ **bazah** (baw-zaw'); a primitive root; to disesteem:

KJV - despise, disdain, contemn (-ptible), * think to scorn, vile person.

Malachi 2

¹⁰ **Have we not all one father?** hath not **one God created us?** why do we **deal treacherously** every man against his brother, by **profaning the covenant** of our fathers?

Created – [OT:1254](#) בָּרָא **bara'** (baw-raw'); a primitive root; (absolutely) to create; (qualified) to cut down (a wood), select, feed (as formative processes): -choose, create (creator), cut down, dispatch, do, make (fat).

Treacherously – [OT:898](#) בָּגַד **bagad** (baw-gad'); a primitive root; to cover (with a garment); figuratively, to act covertly; by implication, to pillage:

KJV - deal deceitfully (treacherously, unfaithfully), offend, transgress (-or), (depart), treacherous (dealer, -ly, man), unfaithful (-ly, man), *very.

Profaning – [OT:2490](#) חָלַל **chalal** (khaw-lal'); a primitive root [compare [OT:2470](#)]; properly, to bore, i.e. (by implication) to wound, to dissolve; figuratively, to profane (a person, place or thing), to break (one's word), to begin (as if by an "opening wedge"); denom. (from [OT:2485](#)) to play (the flute):

KJV - begin (X men began), defile, *break, defile, *eat (as common things), *first, *gather the grape thereof, *take inheritance, pipe, player on instruments, pollute, (cast as) profane (self), prostitute, slay (slain), sorrow, stain, wound.

Covenant – [OT:1285](#) בְּרִית **beriyth** (ber-eeth'); from [OT:1262](#) (in the sense of cutting [like [OT:1254](#)]); a compact (because made by passing between pieces of flesh): -confederacy, [con-] feder [-ate], covenant, league.

2 Chronicles 13

⁹ Have ye not **cast out the priests of the LORD**, the sons of Aaron, and the Levites, and have **made you priests after the manner of the nations of other lands?** so that whosoever cometh to **consecrate himself** with a young bullock and seven rams, **the same may be a priest of them that are no gods**.

Malachi 2 – God does Understand

God's Contempt (*cont*)

...for treachery and abominable acts and idolatry

Malachi 2

¹¹ **Judah hath dealt treacherously**, and an **abomination is committed** in Israel and in Jerusalem; for Judah hath profaned the holiness of the LORD which he loved, and hath **married the daughter of a strange god**.

Treacherously – [OT:898](#) בָּגַד **bagad** (baw-gad'); a primitive root; to cover (with a garment); figuratively, to act covertly; by implication, to pillage:

KJV - deal deceitfully (treacherously, unfaithfully), offend, transgress (-or), (depart), treacherous (dealer, -ly, man), unfaithful (-ly, man), ^xvery.

Abomination – [OT:8441](#) תוֹעֵבָה **tow`ebah** (to-ay-baw'); or **to`ebah** (to-ay-baw'); feminine active participle of [OT:8581](#); properly, something disgusting (morally), i.e. (as noun) an abhorrence; especially idolatry or (concretely) an idol:

KJV - abominable (custom, thing), abomination.

Profaned – [OT:2490](#) חָלַל **chalal** (khaw-lal'); a primitive root [compare [OT:2470](#)]; properly, to bore, i.e. (by implication) to wound, to dissolve; figuratively, to profane (a person, place or thing), to break (one's word), to begin (as if by an "opening wedge"); denom. (from [OT:2485](#)) to play (the flute):

KJV - begin (X men began), defile, ^xbreak, defile, ^xeat (as common things), ^xfirst, ^xgather the grape thereof, ^xtake inheritance, pipe, player on instruments, pollute, (cast as) profane (self), prostitute, slay (slain), sorrow, stain, wound.

Strange – [OT:5236](#) נֶכָר **nekar** (nay-kawr')' from [OT:5234](#); foreign, or (concretely) a foreigner, or (abstractly) heathendom: **KJV** - alien, strange (+-er).

Malachi 2 – God does Understand

God's Contempt (*cont*)

...for teacher and student

Malachi 2

¹² The **LORD** will cut off the man that doeth this, the **master** and the **scholar**, out of the **tabernacles** of Jacob, and him that **offereth an offering** unto the LORD of hosts.

Master – [OT:5782](#) עָוַר **`uwr** (oor); a primitive root [rather identical with [OT:5783](#) through the idea of opening the eyes]; to wake (literally or figuratively): **KJV** - (awake (-n, up), lift up (self), ^xmaster, raise (up), stir up (self).

Scholar – [OT:6030](#) עָנָה **`anah** (aw-naw'); a primitive root; properly, to eye or (generally) to heed, i.e. pay attention; by implication, to respond; by extens. to begin to speak; specifically to sing, shout, testify, announce: **KJV** - give account, afflict [by mistake for [OT:6031](#)], (cause to, give) answer, bring low [by mistake for [OT:6031](#)], cry, hear, Leannoth, lift up, say, ^xscholar, (give a) shout, sing (together by course), speak, testify, utter, (bear) witness. See also [OT:1042](#), [OT:1043](#).

Tabernacles – [OT:168](#) אֹהֶל **'ohel** (o'-hel); from [OT:166](#); a tent (as clearly conspicuous from a distance): **KJV** - covering, (dwelling) place, home, tabernacle, tent.

Offereth – [OT:5066](#) נָגַשׁ **nagash** (naw-gash'); a primitive root; to be or come (causatively, bring) near (for any purpose); euphemistically, to lie with a woman; as an enemy, to attack; relig. to worship; causatively, to present; figuratively, to adduce an argument; by reversal, to stand back: **KJV** - (make to) approach (nigh), bring (forth, hither, near), (cause to) come (hither, near, nigh), give place, go hard (up), (be, draw, go) near (nigh), offer, overtake, present, put, stand.

Offering – [OT:4503](#) מִנְחָה **minchah** (min-khaw'); from an unused root meaning to apportion, i.e. bestow; a donation; euphemistically, tribute; specifically a sacrificial offering (usually bloodless and voluntary): **KJV** - gift, oblation, (meat) offering, present, sacrifice.

Malachi 2 – God does Understand

God's Contempt (*cont*)

...for hiding behind the traditions

Malachi 2

¹³ And this have ye done again, **covering** the altar of the LORD with tears, with **weeping**, and with **crying out**, insomuch that he **regardeth** not the **offering** any more, or **receiveth** it with **good will** at your hand.

Covering – [OT:3680](#) כָּסָה **kacah** (kaw-saw'); a primitive root; properly, to plump, i.e. fill up hollows; by implication, to cover (for clothing or secrecy):

KJV - cladself, close, clothe, conceal, cover (self), (flee to) hide, overwhelm.

Compare [OT:3780](#).

Weeping – [OT:1065](#) בָּכָה **Bekiy** (bek-ee'); from [OT:1058](#); a weeping; by analogy, a dripping: **KJV** - overflowing, ^x sore, (continual) weeping, wept.

Regardeth – [OT:6437](#) פָּנָה **panah** (paw-naw'); a primitive root; to turn; by implication, to face, i.e. appear, look, etc.:

KJV - appear, at [even-] tide, behold, cast out, come on, ^x corner, dawning, empty, go away, lie, look, mark, pass away, prepare, regard, (have) respect (to), (re-) turn (aside, away, back, faceself,), ^x right [early].

Offering – [OT:4503](#) מִנְחָה **minchah** (min-khaw'); from an unused root meaning to apportion, i.e. bestow; a donation; euphemistically, tribute; specifically a sacrificial offering (usually bloodless and voluntary):

KJV - gift, oblation, (meat) offering, present, sacrifice.

Receiveth – [OT:3947](#) לָקַח **laqach** (law-kakh'); a primitive root; to take (in the widest variety of applications):

KJV - accept, bring, buy, carry away, drawn, fetch, get, infold, ^x many, mingle, place, receive (-ing), reserve, seize, send for, take (away, -ing, up), use, win.

Malachi 2

¹⁴ Yet ye say, Wherefore? Because the LORD hath been witness between thee and the wife of thy youth, against whom **thou hast dealt treacherously**: yet is she thy companion, and the wife of thy covenant.

Treacherously – [OT:898](#) בָּגַד **bagad** (baw-gad'); a primitive root; to cover (with a garment); figuratively, to act covertly; by implication, to pillage:

KJV - deal deceitfully (treacherously, unfaithfully), offend, transgress (-or), (depart), treacherous (dealer, -ly, man), unfaithful (-ly, man), ^x very.

Malachi 2 – God does Understand

God's Contempt (*cont*)

...for not heeding to God's Caution

Malachi 2

¹⁵ And did not he make one? Yet had he the residue of the spirit. And wherefore one? That he might seek a godly seed. Therefore **take heed to your spirit**, and **let none deal treacherously** against the wife of his youth.

Residue – [OT:7605](#) רֵשֶׁשׁ **she'ar** (sheh-awr'); from [OT:7604](#); a remainder:
KJV - ^x other, remnant, residue, rest.

Spirit – [OT:7307](#) רוּחַ **ruwach** (roo'-akh); from [OT:7306](#); wind; by resemblance breath, i.e. a sensible (or even violent) exhalation; figuratively, life, anger, unsubstantiality; by extension, a region of the sky; by resemblance spirit, but only of a rational being (including its expression and functions):

KJV - air, anger, blast, breath, ^x cool, courage, mind, ^x quarter, ^x side, spirit ([uall]), tempest, ^x vain, ([whirl-]) wind (-y).

Godly – [OT:430](#) אֱלֹהִים **'elohiym** (el-o-heem'); plural of [OT:433](#); gods in the ordinary sense; but specifically used (in the plural thus, especially with the article) of the supreme God; occasionally applied by way of deference to magistrates; and sometimes as a superlative:

KJV - angels, ^x exceeding, God (gods)- dess, -ly), ^x (very) great, judges, ^x mighty.

Seed – [OT:2233](#) זֶרַע **zera`** (zeh'-rah); from [OT:2232](#); seed; figuratively, fruit, plant, sowing-time, posterity: **KJV** - ^x carnally, child, fruitful, seed (-time), sowingtime.

Heed – [OT:8104](#) שָׁמַר **shamar** (shaw-mar'); a primitive root; properly, to hedge about (as with thorns), i.e. guard; generally, to protect, attend to, etc.:

KJV - beware, be circumspect, take heed (to self), keep (-erself), mark, look narrowly, observe, preserve, regard, reserve, save (self), sure, (that lay) wait (for), watch (-man).

Treacherously – [OT:898](#) בָּגַד **bagad** (baw-gad'); a primitive root; to cover (with a garment); figuratively, to act covertly; by implication, to pillage:

KJV - deal deceitfully (treacherously, unfaithfully), offend, transgress (-or), (depart), treacherous (dealer, -ly, man), unfaithful (-ly, man), ^x very.

...for their violence

Malachi 2

¹⁶ For the LORD, the God of Israel, saith that **he hateth putting away**: for **one covereth violence with his garment**, saith the LORD of hosts: therefore **take heed to your spirit**, that ye **deal not treacherously**.

Treacherously – [OT:898](#) בָּגַד **bagad** (baw-gad'); a primitive root; to cover (with a garment); figuratively, to act covertly; by implication, to pillage:

KJV - deal deceitfully (treacherously, unfaithfully), offend, transgress (-or), (depart), treacherous (dealer, -ly, man), unfaithful (-ly, man), ^x very.

Covereth – [OT:3680](#) כָּסָה **kacah** (kaw-saw'); a primitive root; properly, to plump, i.e. fill up hollows; by implication, to cover (for clothing or secrecy):

KJV - cladself, close, clothe, conceal, cover (self), (flee to) hide, overwhelm.

Malachi 2 – God does Understand

God's Contempt (*cont*)

...for their evil thoughts

Malachi 2

¹⁷ **Ye have wearied the LORD with your words.** Yet ye say, Wherein have we wearied him? When ye say, **Every one that doeth evil is good in the sight of the LORD, and he delighteth in them**; or, **Where is the God of judgment?**

Wearied – [OT:3021](#) יָגַעַׁ yaga` (yaw-gah'); a primitive root; properly, to gasp; hence, to be exhausted, to tire, to toil: **KJV** - faint, (make to) labour, (be) weary.

Evil – [OT:7451](#) רָעַׁ ra` (rah); from [OT:7489](#); bad or (as noun) evil (natural or moral):

KJV - adversity, affliction, bad, calamity, + displeasure (-ure), distress, evil ([favouring], man, thing), + exceedingly, ~~x~~ great, grief (-vous), harm, heavy, hurt (-ful), ill (favoured), + mark, mischief (-vous), misery, naught (-ty), noisome, + not please, sad (-ly), sore, sorrow, trouble, vex, wicked (-ly, -ness, one), worse (-st), wretchedness, wrong. [Incl. feminine ra`ah; as adjective or noun.].

Delighteth – [OT:2654](#) יָצַחַׁ chaphets (khaw-fates'); a primitive root; properly, to incline to; by implication (literally but rarely) to bend; figuratively, to be pleased with, desire:

KJV - ~~x~~ any at all, (have, take) delight, desire, favour, like, move, be (well) pleased, have pleasure, will, would.

Judgment – [OT:4941](#) מִשְׁפָּטַׁ mishpat (mish-pawt'); from [OT:8199](#); properly, a verdict (favorable or unfavorable) pronounced judicially, especially a sentence or formal decree (human or [participant's] divine law, individual or collective), including the act, the place, the suit, the crime, and the penalty; abstractly, justice, including a participant's right or privilege (statutory or customary), or even a style:

KJV - + adversary, ceremony, charge, ~~x~~ crime, custom, desert, determination, discretion, disposing, due, fashion, form, to be judged, judgment, just (-ice, -ly), (manner of) law (-ful), manner, measure, (due) order, ordinance, right, sentence, use, ~~x~~ worthy, + wrong.

Malachi 2 – God does Understand

...for their evil thoughts (*cont*)

Malachi 2 (*cont*)

¹⁷ **Ye have wearied the LORD with your words.** Yet ye say, Wherein have we wearied him? When ye say, **Every one that doeth evil is good in the sight of the LORD, and he delighteth in them;** or, **Where is the God of judgment?**

Jeremiah 5

¹⁰ Go ye up upon her walls, and destroy; but make not a full end: take away her battlements; for they are not the LORD's.

¹¹ For the **house of Israel and the house of Judah have dealt very treacherously against me,** saith the LORD.

¹² They have **belied the LORD,** and said, **It is not he; neither shall evil come upon us; neither shall we see sword nor famine:**

¹³ And the prophets shall become wind, and the word is not in them: thus shall it be done unto them.

¹⁴ Wherefore thus saith the LORD God of hosts, Because ye speak this word, behold, I will make my words in thy mouth fire, and this people wood, and it shall devour them.

Romans 3

¹ What advantage then hath the Jew? or what profit is there of circumcision?

² Much every way: chiefly, because that unto them were committed the oracles of God.

³ For what if some did not believe? shall their unbelief make the faith of God without effect?

⁴ God forbid: yea, let God be true, but every man a liar; as it is written, That thou mightest be justified in thy sayings, and mightest overcome when thou art judged.

⁵ But if our unrighteousness commend the righteousness of God, what shall we say? Is God unrighteous who taketh vengeance? (I speak as a man)

⁶ God forbid: for then how shall God judge the world?

⁷ For if the truth of God hath more abounded through my lie unto his glory; why yet am I also judged as a sinner?

⁸ And not rather, (as we be slanderously reported, and as some affirm that we say,) Let us do evil, that good may come? whose damnation is just.

⁹ What then? are we better than they? No, in no wise: for we have before proved both Jews and Gentiles, that they are all under sin;

¹⁰ As it is written, There is none righteous, no, not one:

¹¹ There is none that understandeth, there is none that seeketh after God.

¹² They are all gone out of the way, they are together become unprofitable; there is none that doeth good, no, not one.

¹³ Their throat is an open sepulchre; with their tongues they have used deceit; the poison of asps is under their lips:

¹⁴ Whose mouth is full of cursing and bitterness:

¹⁵ Their feet are swift to shed blood:

¹⁶ Destruction and misery are in their ways:

¹⁷ And the way of peace have they not known:

Malachi 2 – God does Understand

...for their evil thoughts (*cont*)

Malachi 2 (*cont*)

¹⁷ **Ye have wearied the LORD with your words.** Yet ye say, Wherein have we wearied him? When ye say, **Every one that doeth evil is good in the sight of the LORD, and he delighteth in them;** or, **Where is the God of judgment?**

Romans 3

¹⁸ There is no fear of God before their eyes.

¹⁹ Now we know that what things soever the law saith, it saith to them who are **under the law**: that **every mouth may be stopped**, and all the **world may become guilty before God**.

²⁰ Therefore by the deeds of the law there shall no flesh be justified in his sight: for by the law is the knowledge of sin.

²¹ But now the righteousness of God without the law is manifested, being witnessed by the law and the prophets;

²² Even the **righteousness of God which is by faith of Jesus Christ unto all and upon all them that believe: for there is no difference:**

²³ For all have sinned, and come short of the glory of God;

²⁴ Being **justified freely by his grace through the redemption that is in Christ Jesus:**

²⁵ Whom God hath set forth to be a propitiation through faith in his blood, to declare **his righteousness for the remission of sins that are past, through the forbearance of God;**

²⁶ To declare, I say, at this time his righteousness: that he might be just, and the justifier of him which believeth in Jesus.

²⁷ **Where is boasting then?** It is excluded. By what law? of works? Nay: but **by the law of faith.**

²⁸ Therefore **we conclude that a man is justified by faith without the deeds of the law.**

²⁹ Is he the God of the Jews only? is he not also of the Gentiles? Yes, of the Gentiles also:

³⁰ Seeing it is **one God, which shall justify the circumcision by faith, and uncircumcision through faith.**

³¹ Do we then make void the law through faith? God forbid: yea, **we establish the law.**

God has given us His understanding, To read, comprehend, teach, and preach the Word of God in Truth without error.

Malachi 3 – The LORD Requires Perfectly

The LORD's Messenger

Malachi 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.

Messenger – [OT:4397](#) מַלְאָךְ **mal'ak** (mal-awk'); from an unused root meaning to despatch as a deputy; a messenger; specifically, of God, i.e. an angel (also a prophet, priest or teacher): **KJV** - ambassador, angel, king, messenger.

Suddenly – [OT:6597](#) פֶּתְאוֹם **pith'owm** (pith-ome'); or **pith'om** (pith-ome'); from [OT:6621](#); instantly: **KJV** - straightway, sudden (-ly).

Covenant – [OT:1285](#) בְּרִית **beriyth** (ber-eeth'); from [OT:1262](#) (in the sense of cutting [like [OT:1254](#)]); a compact (because made by passing between pieces of flesh): -confederacy, [con-] feder [-ate], covenant, league.

Matthew 26

²⁸ For this is my blood of the **new testament**, which is shed for many for the remission of sins.

Delight in – [OT:2655](#) חָפֵץ **chaphets** (khaw-fates'); from [OT:2654](#); pleased with: **KJV** - delight in, desire, favour, please, have pleasure, whosoever would, willing, wish.

For the LORD's Preparation

Malachi 2

⁷ For the **priest's lips should keep knowledge**, and they should seek the **law at His mouth**: for **He is the messenger of the LORD of hosts**.

Isaiah 40

¹ Comfort ye, comfort ye my people, saith your God.

² Speak ye comfortably to Jerusalem, and **cry unto her**, that her warfare is accomplished, that her iniquity is pardoned: for **she hath received of the LORD's hand double for all her sins**.

³ **The voice of Him that crieth in the wilderness, Prepare ye the way of the LORD, make straight in the desert a highway for our God**.

Prepare - [OT:6437](#) פָּנָה **panah** (paw-naw'); a primitive root; to turn; by implication, to face, i.e. appear, look, etc.:

KJV - appear, at [even-] tide, behold, cast out, come on, ^x corner, dawning, empty, go away, lie, look, mark, pass away, prepare, regard, (have) respect (to), (re-) turn (aside, away, back, faceself,), ^x right [early].

Malachi 3 – The LORD Requires Perfectly

The LORD's Messenger (*cont*)

Malachi 3 (*cont*)

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. **Isaiah 40 (*cont*)**

⁴ Every valley shall be exalted, and every mountain and hill shall be made low: and the crooked shall be made straight, and the rough places plain:

⁵ And the glory of the LORD shall be revealed, and all flesh shall see it together: for the **mouth of the LORD** hath spoken it.

For the LORD's Baptism

Mark 1

² As it is written in the prophets, **Behold, I send my messenger before thy face, which shall prepare thy way before thee.**

³ **The voice of one crying in the wilderness, Prepare ye the way of the Lord, make his paths straight.**

⁴ **John did baptize in the wilderness, and preach the baptism of repentance for the remission [freedom, pardon] of sins.**

⁵ And there went out unto him all the land of Judaea, and they of Jerusalem, and were all baptized of him in the river of Jordan, **confessing their sins.**

Luke 3

³ And he came into all the country about Jordan, **preaching the baptism of repentance for the remission of sins;**

⁴ **As it is written** in the book of the words of Esaias the prophet, saying, **The voice of one crying in the wilderness, Prepare ye the way of the Lord, make his paths straight.**

⁵ **Every valley shall be filled, and every mountain and hill shall be brought low; and the crooked shall be made straight, and the rough ways shall be made smooth;**

Matthew 11

⁹ But what went ye out for to see? A prophet? yea, I say unto you, and **more than a prophet.**

¹⁰ For **this is he, of whom it is written, Behold, I send my messenger before thy face, which shall prepare thy way before thee.**

¹¹ Verily I say unto you, Among them that are born of women there hath not risen a greater than **John the Baptist**: notwithstanding he that is **least in the kingdom of heaven is greater than he.**

Malachi 3 – The LORD Requires Perfectly

The LORD's Baptism

Malachi 3

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**:

Abide – [OT:3557](#) כִּילֵּל **kuwl** (kool); a primitive root; properly, to keep in; hence, to measure; figuratively, to maintain (in various senses):

KJV - (be able to, can) abide, bear, comprehend, contain, feed, forbearing, guide, hold (-ing in), nourish (-er), be present, make provision, receive, sustain, provide sustenance (victuals).

Stand – [OT:5975](#) עָמַד **`amad** (aw-mad'); a primitive root; to stand, in various relations (literal and figurative, intransitive and transitive):

KJV - abide (behind), appoint, arise, cease, confirm, continue, dwell, be employed, endure, establish, leave, make, ordain, be [over], place, (be) present (self), raise up, remain, repair, * serve, set (forth, over, -tle, up), (make to, make to be at a, with-) stand (by, fast, firm, still, up), (be at a) stay (up), tarry.

Malachi 3 – The LORD Requires Perfectly

The LORD's Fire

Malachi 3

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**.

Refiner – [OT:6884](#) **צָרַף** **tsaraph** (tsaw-raf'); a primitive root; to fuse (metal), i.e. refine (literally or figuratively):

KJV - cast, (re-) fine (-er), founder, goldsmith, melt, pure, purge away, try.

Fuller – [OT:3526](#) **כַּבַּח** **kabac** (kaw-bas'); a primitive root; to trample; hence, to wash (properly, by stamping with the feet), whether literal (including the fulling process) or figurative: **KJV** - fuller, wash (-ing).

Soap – [OT:1287](#) **בִּרְיָת** **boryth** (bo-reeth'); feminine of [OT:1253](#); vegetable alkali: **KJV** - soap

Refiner – [OT:6884](#) **צָרַף** **tsaraph** (tsaw-raf'); a primitive root; to fuse (metal), i.e. refine (literally or figuratively):

KJV - cast, (re-) fine (-er), founder, goldsmith, melt, pure, purge away, try.

Purifier – [OT:2891](#) **טָהַר** **taher** (tah-hare'); a primitive root; properly, to be bright; i.e. (by implication) to be pure (physical sound, clear, unadulterated; Levitically, uncontaminated; morally, innocent or holy):

KJV - be (make, makeself, pronounce) clean, cleanse (self), purge, purify

Purge – [OT:2212](#) **צָקַק** **zaqaq** (zaw-kak'); a primitive root; to strain, (figuratively) extract, clarify: **KJV** - fine, pour down, purge, purify, refine.

Zechariah 13

⁸ And it shall come to pass, that in all the land, saith the LORD, **two parts therein shall be cut off and die**; but **the third shall be left therein**.

⁹ And I will bring the third part through the fire, and will **refine them as silver is refined**, and will try them as gold is tried: they shall call on my name, and I will hear them: I will say, **It is my people**: and they shall say, The LORD is my God.

Isaiah 48

⁹ For my name's sake will I defer mine anger, and for my praise will I refrain for thee, that I cut thee **not** off.

¹⁰ Behold, **I have refined thee**, but not with silver; I have **chosen thee in the furnace of affliction**.

¹¹ For mine own sake, even for mine own sake, will I do it: for how should my name be polluted? and **I will not give my glory unto another**.

Isaiah 42

⁸ I am the LORD [JEHOVAH]: that is my name: and **my glory** will I not give to another, neither **my praise** to graven images.

Malachi 3 – The LORD Requires Perfectly

The LORD's Fire (*cont*)

Malachi 3

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.**

Ezekiel 20

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.

Psalm 65

³ Iniquities prevail against me: as for our transgressions, **thou shalt purge them away.**

Offering – [OT:4503](#) מִנְחָה **minchah** (min-khaw'); from an unused root meaning to apportion, i.e. bestow; a donation; euphemistically, tribute; specifically a sacrificial offering (usually bloodless and voluntary):

KJV - gift, oblation, (meat) offering, present, sacrifice.

Righteousness – [OT:6666](#) צְדָקָה **tsedaqah** (tsed-aw-kaw'); from [OT:6663](#); rightness (abstractly), subjectively (rectitude), objectively (justice), morally (virtue) or figuratively (prosperity): **KJV** - justice, moderately, right (-eous) (act, -ly, -ness).

Psalm 51

¹⁸ **Do good in thy good pleasure unto Zion: build thou the walls of Jerusalem.**

¹⁹ Then shalt thou be **pleased with the sacrifices of righteousness, with burnt offering and whole burnt offering:** then shall they offer bullocks upon thine altar.

Malachi 3

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.**

Pleasant – [OT:6149](#) אֶרֶב **`areb** (aw-rabe') a primitive root [identical with [OT:6148](#) through the idea of close association]; to be agreeable:

KJV - be pleasant (-ing), take pleasure in, be sweet.

Malachi 3 – The LORD Requires Perfectly

The LORD's Judgment

Malachi 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.

Judgment – [OT:4941](#) מִשְׁפָּט **mishpat** (mish-pawt'); from [OT:8199](#); properly, a verdict (favorable or unfavorable) pronounced judicially, especially a sentence or formal decree (human or [participant's] divine law, individual or collective), including the act, the place, the suit, the crime, and the penalty; abstractly, justice, including a participant's right or privilege (statutory or customary), or even a style:

KJV - + adversary, ceremony, charge, ^x crime, custom, desert, determination, discretion, disposing, due, fashion, form, to be judged, judgment, just (-ice, -ly), (manner of) law (-ful), manner, measure, (due) order, ordinance, right, sentence, usest, ^x worthy, + wrong.

John 9

³⁹ And Jesus said, For **judgment** I am **come** into this **world**, that they which see not might see; and that they which see might be made blind.

John 16

⁸ And when he is **come**, he will reprove the **world** of sin, and of righteousness, and of **judgment**:

For the Righteous

Isaiah 56 ...to be revealed when salvation is near

¹ Thus saith the LORD, **Keep ye judgment**, and **do justice**: for **my salvation is near to come**, and **my righteousness to be revealed**.

Isaiah 46 ...shall not tarry

¹³ I bring near **my righteousness**; it shall not be far off, and **my salvation shall not tarry**: and **I will place salvation in Zion for Israel my glory**.

Isaiah 51 ...those who trust wait for the LORD

⁵ **My righteousness is near**; **my salvation is gone forth**, and **mine arms shall judge the people**; the isles shall wait upon me, and on mine arm shall they trust.

Isaiah 51 ...righteousness for ever

⁶ Lift up your eyes to the heavens, and look upon the earth beneath: for the heavens shall vanish away like smoke, and the **earth shall wax old** like a garment, and **they that dwell therein shall die in like manner**: but **my salvation shall be for ever**, and **my righteousness shall not be abolished**.

Malachi 3 – The LORD Requires Perfectly

The LORD's Judgment (*cont*)

Malachi 3 (*cont*)

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.

Isaiah 51 ...righteousness shall not cease

⁸ For the **moth shall eat them up** like a garment, and the **worm shall eat them** like wool: but **my righteousness shall be for ever, and my salvation from generation to generation.**

Against the Unrighteous

Swift – [OT:4116](#) מָהָר **mahar** (maw-har'); a primitive root; properly, to be liquid or flow easily, i.e. (by implication); to hurry (in a good or a bad sense); often used (with another verb) adverbially, promptly:

KJV - be carried headlong, fearful, (cause to make, in, make) haste (-n, -ily), (be) hasty, (fetch, make ready) **x** quickly, rash, **x** shortly, (be so) **x** soon, make speed, **x** speedily, **x** straightway, **x** suddenly, swift.

Sorcerers – [OT:3784](#) כַּשָּׁף **kashaph** (kaw-shaf'); a primitive root; properly, to whisper a spell, i.e. to enchant or practise magic:

KJV - sorcerer, (use) witch (-craft).

Adulterers – [OT:5003](#) נָאֵף **na'aph** (naw-af'); a primitive root; to commit adultery; figuratively, to apostatize:

KJV - adulterer (-ess), commit (-ing) adultery, woman that breaketh wedlock.

False – [OT:8267](#) שֶׁקֶר **sheqer** (sheh'-ker); from [OT:8266](#); an untruth; by implication, a sham (often adverbial):

KJV - without a cause, deceit (-ful), false (-hood, -ly), feignedly, liar, **+** lie, lying, vain (thing), wrongfully.

Swearers – [OT:7650](#) שָׁבַע **shaba`** (shaw-bah'); a primitive root; propr. to be complete, but used only as a denominative from [OT:7651](#); to seven oneself, i.e. swear (as if by repeating a declaration seven times):

KJV - adjure, charge (by an oath, with an oath), feed to the full [by mistake for [OT:7646](#)], take an oath, **x** straitly, (cause to, make to) swear.

Oppress – [OT:6231](#) עָשָׂק **ashaq** (aw-shak'); a primitive root (compare [OT:6229](#)); to press upon, i.e. oppress, defraud, violate, overflow:

KJV - get deceitfully, deceive, defraud, drink up, (use) oppress ([-ion]), -or), do violence (wrong).

Hireling – [OT:7916](#) שָׂכִיר **sakiyr** (saw-keer'); from [OT:7936](#); a man at wages by the day or year: **KJV** - hired (man, servant), hireling.

Malachi 3 – The LORD Requires Perfectly

The LORD's Judgment (*cont*)

Malachi 3 (*cont*)

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.

Fatherless – [OT:3490](#) יָתוֹם **yathowm** (yaw-thome'); from an unused root meaning to be lonely; a bereaved person: **KJV** - fatherless (child), orphan.

Turn aside – [OT:5186](#) נָטָה **natah** (naw-taw'); a primitive root; to stretch or spread out; by implication, to bend away (including moral deflection); used in a great variety of application (as follows):

KJV - * afternoon, apply, bow (down, -ing), carry aside, decline, deliver, extend, go down, be gone, incline, intend, lay, let down, offer, outstretched, overthrown, pervert, pitch, prolong, put away, shew, spread (out), stretch (forth, out), take (aside), turn (aside, away), wrest, cause to yield.

Malachi 3 – The LORD Requires Perfectly

The LORD's Immutability

Malachi 3

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

Change – [OT:8138](#) שָׁנָה **shanah** (shaw-naw'); a primitive root; to fold, i.e. duplicate (literally or figuratively); by implication, to transmute (transitive or intransitive): **KJV** - do (speak, strike) again, alter, double, (be given to) change, disguise, (be) diverse, pervert, prefer, repeat, return, do the second time.

With respect to man

Consumed – [OT:3615](#) כָּלָה **kalah** (kaw-law'); a primitive root; to end, whether intransitive (to cease, be finished, perish) or transitived (to complete, prepare, consume): -accomplish, cease, consume (away), determine, destroy (utterly), be (when ... were) done, (be an) end (of), expire, (cause to) fail, faint, finish, fulfil, ^x fully, ^x have, leave (off), long, bring to pass, wholly reap, make clean riddance, spend, quite take away, waste.

Hebrews 13

⁸ Jesus Christ the same yesterday, and to day, and for ever.

With respect to time

Malachi 3

⁷ Even from the days of your fathers ye are **gone away from mine ordinances**, and have **not kept them. Return unto me, and I will return unto you**, saith the LORD of hosts. But ye said, Wherein shall we return?

Ordinances – [OT:2706](#) צִוְיָהוּ **choq** (khone); from [OT:2710](#); an enactment; hence, an appointment (of time, space, quantity, labor or usage): **KJV** - appointed, bound, commandment, convenient, custom, decree (-d), due, law, measure, ^x necessary, ordinance (-nary), portion, set time, statute, task.

The Lord showed up but His people missed the appointment.

Malachi 3 – The LORD Requires Perfectly

The LORD's Tithe

...to withhold is robbery

Malachi 3

⁸ Will a man rob God? Yet ye have robbed me. But ye say, Wherein have we robbed thee? **In tithes and offerings.**

Rob/robbed – [OT:6906](#) קָבַע **qaba`** (kaw-bah'); a primitive root; to cover, i.e. (figuratively) defraud: **KJV** - rob, spoil.

Tithes – [OT:4643](#) מַעֲשֵׂר **ma`aser** (mah-as-ayr'); or **ma`asar** (mah-as-ar'); and (in plural) feminine ma`asrah (mah-as-raw'); from [OT:6240](#); a tenth; especially a tithe: **KJV** - tenth (part), tithe (-ing).

Offerings – [OT:8641](#) תְּרוּמָה **teruwmah** (ter-oo-maw'); or **terumah** ([Deut 12:11](#)) (ter-oo-maw'); from [OT:7311](#); a present (as offered up), especially in sacrifice or as tribute: **KJV** - gift, heave offering ([shoulder]), oblation, offered (-ing).

...to withhold is a curse

Malachi 3

⁹ Ye are cursed with a curse: for ye have robbed me, even this whole nation.

Cursed – [OT:779](#) אָרַר **'arar** (aw-rar'); a primitive root; to execrate: **KJV** - ~~x~~ bitterly curse.

Robbed – [OT:6906](#) קָבַע **qaba`** (kaw-bah'); a primitive root; to cover, i.e. (figuratively) defraud: **KJV** - rob, spoil.

...to withhold any portion is robbery

Malachi 3

¹⁰ Bring ye all the tithes into the storehouse, that there may be meat in mine house, and **prove me now** herewith, saith the LORD of hosts, **if I will not open you the windows of heaven, and pour you out a blessing, that there shall not be room enough to receive it.**

Tithes – [OT:4643](#) מַעֲשֵׂר **ma`aser** (mah-as-ayr'); or **ma`asar** (mah-as-ar'); and (in plural) feminine ma`asrah (mah-as-raw'); from [OT:6240](#); a tenth; especially a tithe: **KJV** - tenth (part), tithe (-ing).

Storehouse – [OT:214](#) אוֹצָר **'owtsar** (o-tsaw'); from [OT:686](#); a depository: **KJV** - armory, cellar, garner, store (-house), treasure (-house) (-y).

...to withhold is to miss blessing and increase

Prove – [OT:974](#) בָּחַן **bachan** (baw-khan'); a primitive root; to test (especially metals); generally and figuratively, to investigate: **KJV** - examine, prove, tempt, try (trial).

Malachi 3 – The LORD Requires Perfectly

The LORD's Tithes (*cont*)

...to withhold is to miss peace and prosperity

Malachi 3

¹¹ And I will **rebuke the devourer** for your sakes, and he shall not destroy the **fruits of your ground**; neither shall your vine **cast her fruit before the time** in the field, saith the LORD of hosts.

Rebuke – [OT:1605](#) גָּעַר **ga`ar** (gaw-ar'); a primitive root; to chide:

KJV - corrupt, rebuke, reprove.

Devourer – [OT:398](#) אָכַל **'akal** (aw-kal'); a primitive root; to eat (literally or figuratively):

KJV - ^xat all, burn up, consume, devour (-er, up), dine, eat (-er, up), feed (with), food, ^xfreely, ^xin ... wise (-deed, plenty), (lay) meat, ^xquite.

Cast her fruit before the time – [OT:7921](#) שָׁכַל **shakol** (shaw-kole'); a primitive root; properly, to miscarry, i.e. suffer abortion; by analogy, to bereave (literally or figuratively):

KJV - bereave (of children), barren, cast calf (fruit, young), be (make) childless, deprive, destroy, ^xexpect, lose children, miscarry, rob of children, spoil.

Proverbs 28 ...companion of the destroyer

²⁴ Whoso robbeth his father or his mother, and saith, It is no transgression; the **same is the companion of a destroyer**.

1 Corinthians 10 ...destroyed by the destroyer

¹⁰ Neither murmur ye, as some of them also murmured, and were **destroyed of the destroyer**.

Isaiah 54 ...it is wasted

¹⁶ Behold, I have created the smith that bloweth the coals in the fire, and that bringeth forth an instrument for his work; and **I have created the waster to destroy**.

Malachi 3

¹² And all nations shall call you **blessed**: for ye shall be a **delightful land**, saith the LORD of hosts.

Delightful – [OT:2656](#) חֵפְזִים **chephets** (khay'-fets); from [OT:2654](#); pleasure; hence (abstractly) desire; concretely, a valuable thing; hence (by extension) a matter (as something in mind):

KJV - acceptable, delight (-some), desire, things desired, matter, pleasant (-ure), purpose, willingly.

Malachi 3 – The LORD Requires Perfectly

The LORD's Longsuffering

Malachi 3

¹³ Your words have been **stout against me**, saith the LORD. Yet ye say, What have we spoken so much against thee?

Stout – [OT:2388](#) **חָזַק** **chazaq** (khaw-zak'); a primitive root; to fasten upon; hence, to seize, be strong (figuratively, courageous, causatively strengthen, cure, help, repair, fortify), obstinate; to bind, restrain, conquer:

KJV - aid, amend, ^xcalker, catch, cleave, confirm, be constant, constrain, continue, be of good (take) courage (-ous, -ly), encourage (self), be established, fasten, force, fortify, make hard, harden, help, (lay) hold (fast), lean, maintain, play the man, mend, become (wax) mighty, prevail, be recovered, repair, retain, seize, be (wax) sore, strengthen (self), be stout, be (make, shew, wax) strong (-er), be sure, take (hold), be urgent, behaveself valiantly, withstand.

Romans 9

²² What if God, willing to shew his wrath, and to make his power known, endured with much longsuffering the vessels of wrath fitted to destruction:

1 Peter 3

²⁰ Which sometime were disobedient, when once the **longsuffering of God waited in the days of Noah**, while the ark was a preparing, wherein few, that is, eight souls were saved by water.

Malachi 3

¹⁴ Ye have said, **It is vain to serve God: and what profit is it that we have kept his ordinance**, and that we have **walked mournfully** before the LORD of hosts?

Ordinance – [OT:4931](#) **מִשְׁמֶרֶת** **mishmereth** (mish-meh'-reth); feminine of [OT:4929](#); watch, i.e. the act (custody) or (concretely) the sentry, the post; (objectively) preservation, or (concretely) safe; (figurative) observance, i.e. (abstractly) duty, or (objectively) a usage or party:

KJV - charge, keep, to be kept, office, ordinance, safeguard, ward, watch.

Hebrews 12

²⁷ And this word, Yet once more, signifieth the removing of those things that are shaken, as of things that are made, that those things which cannot be shaken may remain.

²⁸ Wherefore we **receiving a kingdom which cannot be moved, let us have grace**, whereby we may **serve God acceptably with reverence and godly fear:**

²⁹ **For our God is a consuming fire.**

Malachi 3 – The LORD Requires Perfectly

Malachi 3

¹⁵ And now we call the **proud happy**; yea, they that **work wickedness** are **set up**; yea, they that **tempt God** are even **delivered**.

Proud – [OT:2086](#) זָדַד **zed** (zade'); from [OT:2102](#); arrogant:

KJV - presumptuous, proud.

Happy – [OT:833](#) אָשַׁר 'ashar (aw-shar'); or 'asher (aw-share'); a primitive root; to be straight (used in the widest sense, especially to be level, right, happy); figuratively, to go forward, be honest, proper:

KJV - (call, be) bless (-ed, happy), go, guide, lead, relieve.

Wickedness – [OT:7564](#) רִשָּׁעָה **rish`ah** (rish-aw'); feminine of [OT:7562](#); wrong (especially moral): **KJV** - fault, wickedly (-ness).

Set up – [OT:1129](#) בָּנָה **banah** (baw-naw'); a primitive root; to build (literally and figuratively):

KJV - (begin to) build (-er), obtain children, make, repair, set (up), ^x surely.

Tempt – [OT:974](#) בָּחַן **bachan** (baw-khan'); a primitive root; to test (especially metals); generally and figuratively, to investigate:

KJV - examine, prove, tempt, try (trial).

Delivered – [OT:4422](#) מָלַט **malat** (maw-lat'); a primitive root; properly, to be smooth, i.e. (by implication) to escape (as if by slipperiness); causatively, to release or rescue; specifically, to bring forth young, emit sparks:

KJV - deliver (self), escape, lay, leap out, let alone, let go, preserve, save, ^x speedily, ^x surely.

Isaiah 5

¹⁸ Woe unto them that **draw iniquity with cords of vanity**, and **sin as it were with a cart rope**:

¹⁹ That say, **Let him make speed**, and **hasten his work**, that we may see it: and **let the counsel of the Holy One of Israel draw nigh and come**, that we may know it!

²⁰ Woe unto them that **call evil good**, and **good evil**; that put **darkness for light**, and **light for darkness**; that put **bitter for sweet**, and **sweet for bitter**!

²¹ Woe unto them that are **wise in their own eyes**, and **prudent in their own sight**!

²² Woe unto them that are **mighty to drink wine**, and men of strength to **mingle strong drink**:

²³ Which **justify the wicked for reward**, and **take away the righteousness of the righteous from him**!

²⁴ Therefore as **the fire devoureth the stubble**, and **the flame consumeth the chaff**, so **their root shall be as rottenness**, and **their blossom shall go up as dust**: because they have **cast away the law of the LORD of hosts**, and **despised the Word of the Holy One of Israel**.

Malachi 3 – The LORD Requires Perfectly

The LORD's Reverence

Malachi 3

¹⁶ Then they that **feared** the LORD spake often one to another: and the LORD **hearkened**, and **heard** it, and a **book of remembrance was written** before Him for them that **feared the LORD**, and that **thought upon His name**.

Feared – OT:3372 יָרֵא **yare'** (yaw-ray'); a primitive root; to fear; morally, to revere; caus. to frighten:

KJV - affright, be (make) afraid, dread (-ful), (put in) fear (-ful, -fully, -ing), (be had in) reverence (-end), ^x see, terrible (act, -ness, thing).

Hearkened – OT:7181 קָשַׁב **qashab** (kaw-shab'); a primitive root; to prick up the ears, i.e. hearken:

KJV - attend, (cause to) hear (-ken), give heed, incline, mark (well), regard.

Heard – OT:8085 שָׁמַע **shama`** (shaw-mah'); a primitive root; to hear intelligently (often with implication of attention, obedience, etc.; causatively, to tell, etc.):

KJV - ^x attentively, call (gather) together, ^x carefully, ^x certainly, consent, consider, be content, declare, ^x diligently, discern, give ear, (cause to, let, make to) hear (-ken, tell), ^x indeed, listen, make (a) noise, (be) obedient, obey, perceive, (make a) proclaim (-ation), publish, regard, report, shew (forth), (make a) sound, ^x surely, tell, understand, whosoever [heareth], witness.

Psalm 111

⁹ He sent redemption unto **His** people: He hath commanded **His** covenant for ever: **holy** and reverend is **His name**.

Psalm 103

¹ Bless the LORD, O my soul: and all that is within me, bless **His holy name**.

Malachi 3 – The LORD Requires Perfectly

The LORD's Favoritism

Malachi 3

¹⁷ And **they shall be mine**, saith the LORD of hosts, in **that day when I make up my jewels**; and **I will spare them**, as a man **spareth his own son that serveth Him**.

Jewels – [OT:5459](#) **צִגְלָה** **cegullah** (seg-ool-law'); feminine passive participle of an unused root meaning to shut up; wealth (as closely shut up): **KJV** - jewel, peculiar (treasure), proper good, special.

Spareth – [OT:2550](#) **חָמַל** **chamal** (khaw-mal'); a primitive root; to commiserate; by implication, to spare: **KJV** - have compassion, (have) pity, spare.

The LORD's Discernment

Malachi 3

¹⁸ **Then shall ye return**, and **discern between the righteous and the wicked**, between him that serveth God and him that serveth Him not.

Discern – [OT:7200](#) **רָאָה** **ra'ah** (raw-aw'); a primitive root; to see, literally or figuratively (in numerous applications, direct and implied, transitive, intransitive and causative):

KJV - advise self, appear, approve, behold, **x** certainly, consider, discern, (make to) enjoy, have experience, gaze, take heed, **x** indeed, **x** joyfully, lo, look (on, one another, one on another, one upon another, out, up, upon), mark, meet, **x** be near, perceive, present, provide, regard, (have) respect, (fore-, cause to, let) see (-r, -m, one another), shew (self), **x** sight of others, (e-) spy, stare, **x** surely, **x** think, view, visions.

Hebrews 5

¹³ For every **one that useth milk is unskilful** in the word of righteousness: for he is a babe.

¹⁴ But strong **meat belongeth to them that are of full age**, even those who **by reason of use** have their senses exercised to **discern both good and evil**.

Ecclesiastes 8

⁵ Whoso keepeth the commandment shall feel no evil thing: and **a wise man's heart discerneth both time and judgment**.

As the Lord requires perfectly:

Wicked will be seen as those who are perfectly miserable.

The saints will be those who are perfectly happy.

Amen

Malachi 4 - A Day To Remember

A Day to Remember for the Unbelievers

Malachi 4

¹ For, behold, **the day cometh**, that shall **burn as an oven**; and **all the proud [arrogant]**, yea, and **all that do wickedly**, shall be **stubble [straw]**: and **the day that cometh shall burn them up**, saith the LORD of hosts, **that it shall leave them neither root nor branch**.

Wickedly – [OT:7563](#) רָשָׁע **rasha`** (raw-shaw'); from [OT:7561](#); morally wrong; concretely, an (actively) bad person:

KJV - * condemned, guilty, ungodly, wicked (man), that did wrong.

Isaiah 5

²⁴ Therefore as **the fire devoureth the stubble**, and the **flame consumeth the chaff**, so their **root shall be as rottenness**, and their **blossom shall go up as dust**: because they have **cast away the law of the LORD** of hosts, and **despised the Word** of the Holy One of Israel.

Psalm 106

²⁴ Yea, they **despised the pleasant land**, they **believed not His Word**:

Isaiah 47

¹⁴ Behold, **they shall be as stubble**; the **fire** shall burn them; they shall not deliver themselves from the power of the flame: there shall not be a coal to warm at, nor **fire** to sit before it.

Psalm 21

⁸ Thine hand shall **find out all thine enemies**: thy right hand shall **find out those that hate thee**.

⁹ Thou shalt **make them as a fiery oven** in **the time of thine anger**: the **LORD shall swallow them up in his wrath**, and the **fire shall devour them**.

¹⁰ **Their fruit shalt thou destroy from the earth**, and **their seed from among the children of men**.

Ezekiel 22

²¹ Yea, **I will gather you**, and **blow upon you in the fire of my wrath**, and **ye shall be melted** in the midst thereof.

Melted – [OT:5413](#) נָתַק **nathak** (naw-thak'); a primitive root; to flow forth (literally or figuratively); by implication, to liquify:

KJV - drop, gather (together), melt, pour (forth, out).

Malachi 4 - A Day To Remember

A Day for the Unbelievers to Remember (*cont*)

Ezekiel 22

³⁰ And I sought for a man among them, that should make up the hedge, and stand in the gap before me for the land, that I should not destroy it: but I found none.

³¹ Therefore have I **poured out mine indignation upon them**; I have **consumed** [to end, cease, destroyed, quite taken away] them **with the fire of my wrath**: their own way have I **recompensed upon their heads**, saith the Lord GOD.

Indignation – [OT:2195](#) זַעַם **za`am** (zah'-am); from [OT:2194](#); strictly froth at the mouth, i.e. (figuratively) fury (especially of God's displeasure with sin): **KJV** - angry, indignation, rage.

Wrath – [OT:5678](#) עֵבֶר **`ebrah** (eb-raw'); feminine of [OT:5676](#); an outburst of passion: **KJV** - anger, rage, wrath.

Psalm 58

7 Let them **melt away as waters** which **run continually**: when He **bendeth His bow to shoot His arrows**, let them be as **cut in pieces**.

2 Peter 3

⁶ Whereby the **world that then was**, being **overflowed with water**, **perished [were destroyed fully]**:

Overflowed – [NT:2626](#) κατακλύζω **katakluzo** (kat-ak-lood'-zo); from [NT:2596](#) and the base of [NT:2830](#); to dash (wash) down, i.e. (by implication) to deluge: **KJV** - overflow.

⁷ But the **heavens and the earth**, which are now, **by the same word** are **kept in store, reserved unto fire** against the **day of judgment and perdition of ungodly men**.

Perdition – [NT:684](#) ἀπόλεια **apoleia** (ap-o'-li-a); from a presumed derivative of [NT:622](#); ruin or loss (physical, spiritual or eternal): **KJV** - damnable (-nation), destruction, die, perdition, ^xperish, pernicious [spiteful, destructive, evil] ways, waste.

Daniel 7

⁹ I beheld till the thrones were cast down, and the Ancient of days did sit, whose garment was white as snow, and the hair of his head like the pure wool: **his throne was like the fiery flame, and his wheels as burning fire**.

¹⁰ A **fiery stream issued and came forth from before him**: thousand thousands ministered unto him, and ten thousand times ten thousand stood before him: **the judgment was set, and the books were opened**.

¹¹ I beheld then because of the voice of the great words which the horn spake: I **beheld even till the beast was slain, and his body destroyed, and given to the burning flame**.

Malachi 4 - A Day To Remember

A Day for the Unbelievers to Remember (*cont*)

Zephaniah 3

⁸ Therefore **wait ye upon me**, saith the LORD, **until the day** that I rise up to the prey: for my **determination** is to **gather the nations**, that I may **assemble the kingdoms**, to **pour upon them mine indignation**, even all my fierce anger: for **all the earth shall be devoured with the fire of my jealousy**.

Determination – [OT:4941](#) מִשְׁפָּט **mishpat** (mish-pawt'); from [OT:8199](#); properly, a verdict (favorable or unfavorable) pronounced judicially, especially a sentence or formal decree (human or [participant's] divine law, individual or collective), including the act, the place, the suit, the crime, and the penalty; abstractly, justice, including a participant's right or privilege (statutory or customary), or even a style:
KJV - + adversary, ceremony, charge, ^xcrime, custom, desert, determination, discretion, disposing, due, fashion, form, to be judged, judgment, just (-ice, -ly), (manner of) law (-ful), manner, measure, (due) order, ordinance, right, sentence, usest, ^xworthy, + wrong.

Psalm 2

¹² **Kiss the Son**, lest He be angry, and ye **perish from the way, when His wrath is kindled but a little**. Blessed are all they that put their trust in Him.

Psalm 106

⁴⁰ Therefore was the **wrath of the LORD kindled against His people**, insomuch that He abhorred His own inheritance.

Isaiah 5

²⁵ Therefore is the **anger of the LORD kindled against His people**, and he hath stretched forth his hand against them, and hath smitten them: and the hills did tremble, and their carcasses were torn in the midst of the streets. For all this his anger is not turned away, but his hand is stretched out still.

Isaiah 64

² As when the melting fire burneth, the fire causeth the waters to boil, **to make thy name known to thine adversaries**, that the nations may tremble at thy presence!

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A Day for the Unbelievers to Remember (*cont*)

Amos 9

⁵ And the Lord GOD of hosts is **He that toucheth the land**, and it shall **melt**, and **all that dwell therein shall mourn**: and it shall **rise up wholly like a flood**; and shall be drowned, as by the flood of Egypt.

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A Day to Remember for the Believers

Malachi 4

² But **unto you that fear my name** shall the **Sun of righteousness** arise with **healing in his wings**; and ye shall **go forth**, and **grow up as calves** of the stall.

Matthew 13

⁴³ Then shall the **righteous shine forth** as the **Sun in the kingdom** of their Father. Who hath ears to hear, let him hear.

Victory

Tread down

Malachi 4

³ And ye shall **tread down the wicked**; for they shall be **ashes under the soles of your feet** in **the day that I shall do this**, saith the LORD of hosts.

Wicked – [OT:7563](#) רָשָׁע **rasha`** (raw-shaw'); from [OT:7561](#); morally wrong; concretely, an (actively) bad person:

KJV - * condemned, guilty, ungodly, wicked (man), that did wrong.

Job 40

⁹ Hast thou an arm like God? or canst thou thunder with a voice like him?

¹⁰ Deck thyself now with majesty and excellency; and array thyself with glory and beauty.

¹¹ Cast abroad **the rage of thy wrath**: and **behold every one that is proud**, and **abase him**.

¹² Look on every one that is proud, and **bring him low**; and **tread down the wicked in their place**.

Tread down – [OT:1915](#) דָּכָא **hadak** (haw-dak'); a primitive root [compare [OT:1854](#)]; to crush with the foot: **KJV** - tread down.

¹³ **Hide them in the dust together; and bind their faces in secret**.

Psalms 60

¹² Through God we shall do valiantly: for he it is that shall **tread down** our enemies.

Psalms 108

¹³ Through God we shall do valiantly: for he it is that shall **tread down** our enemies.

Isaiah 63

⁶ And I will **tread down** the people in mine anger, and make them drunk in my fury, and I will bring down their strength to the earth.

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A Day to Remember for the Believers (*cont*)

Victory (*cont*)

Tread down (*cont*)

Zechariah 10 ...promises of deliverance and victory

³ Mine anger was kindled against the shepherds, and I punished the goats: for the LORD of hosts hath visited his flock the house of Judah, and hath made them as his goodly horse in the battle.

⁴ Out of him came forth the corner, out of him the nail, out of him the battle bow, out of him every oppressor together.

⁵ And **they shall be as mighty men**, which **tread down their enemies in the mire of the streets in the battle**: and **they shall fight**, because **the LORD is with them**, and **the riders on horses shall be confounded**.

⁶ And **I will strengthen the house of Judah**, and **I will save the house of Joseph**, and **I will bring them again to place them**; for **I have mercy upon them**: and **they shall be as though I had not cast them off**: for **I am the LORD their God**, and will hear them.

Remembrance

Malachi 4 ...the Word of God

⁴ **Remember ye the law of Moses** my servant, which I commanded unto him in Horeb for all Israel, **with the statutes and judgments**.

Exodus 24

¹⁷ And **the sight of the glory of the LORD** was like **devouring fire on the top of the mount in the eyes of the children of Israel**.

John 14

²⁶ But the Comforter, which is the **Holy Ghost**, whom the **Father will send in my name**, he shall **teach you all things**, and **bring all things to your remembrance**, whatsoever I have said unto you.

Malachi 4 - A Day To Remember

The Day to Remember for blessings and curses

Malachi 4

⁵ Behold, **I will send you Elijah** the prophet before the coming of the great and dreadful day of the LORD:

Two Hearts

Malachi 4

⁶ And he shall **turn the heart** of the fathers to the children, and **the heart** of the children to their fathers, lest I come and **smite the earth** with a curse.

Circumcised and Uncircumcised

Ezekiel 44

⁹ Thus saith the Lord GOD; **No stranger, uncircumcised in heart, nor uncircumcised in flesh, shall enter into my sanctuary**, of any stranger that is among the children of Israel.

Fleshy Heart

2 Corinthians 3

³ Forasmuch as ye are **manifestly declared to be the epistle of Christ** ministered by us, written not with ink, but with the Spirit of the living God; **not in tables of stone, but in fleshy tables of the heart.**

New Heart

Ezekiel 36 ...a new spirit

²⁶ **A new heart** also will I give you, and a new spirit will I put within you: and I will take away the stony heart out of your flesh, and I will give you an heart of flesh.

One Heart

Ezekiel 11 ...One Spirit

¹⁹ And I will give them **one heart**, and I will put a new Spirit within you; and I will take the stony heart out of their flesh, and will give them an heart of flesh: