

Sunday January 26th 2014
Malachi – God’s Messenger
Part Thirteen
Study Questions

- 1). Read Malachi 3:1 – What is the context in which we find this verse?
 - a). Exactly what is God promising here?
 - b). Where is this promise found in foundation?
 - c). What is the precursor to the fulfillment of this promise?
 - d). What is interesting about the name Malachi within this context?
 - e). What is the connection between the end of the Book of Malachi and the first thing God says after 400 years of silence?
 - f). Who is it who speaks? What does he say? Who does he speak on behalf of and what does that make him?
 - g). Read John 1:19-21 – What does John the Baptist say about his identity?
 - h). What makes these events at Christ’s first advent significant even though they do not bring God’s purpose to its full conclusion?
 - i). Where do we find another partial fulfillment of prophecy similar to this and what is significant about it?

j). What comparison can we make between Israel's spiritual condition before the Lord's first advent and the spiritual condition of the church prior to His second advent?

k). Which scripture did we look at that shows how the Lord begins His dealings with the 7 churches in the Revelation?

l). What did we note about the Greek word 'aggelos' and which scripture did we look at in connection with this?

m). What essentially is the message given by Christ to His angelic messengers for His church and which 2 examples did we look at?

n). Which OT characters are cited in these examples and what might they teach us?

o). What connection can you make between these 2 characters and what is recorded in Malachi 4:4-5?

p). How is what we see here in Revelation with respect to the church the same as we see with the priests in Malachi and which scripture did we look at?

q). What echo is there in these verses from Malachi Chapter 3? What do we learn here concerning Israel and the church? What is the same and what is different? Which scripture did we look at?

2). Read Malachi 3:8-12 – What specifically do we learn from verses 8-9?

a). Read Deuteronomy 8:18 – how should we view the tithe with respect to this?

b). What do we learn from this about the tithe and God's purpose?

c). Where is Israel's regality to be enacted?

d). What would the withholding of tithes and offerings mean for the land and where do we see this in foundation?

e). What, if anything, do we learn from all this?

3). Read Genesis 14:18-20 – What is taking place here and what does this event prophetically look to?

a). Which scriptures did we look at in connection with this?

b). So, what is the context in which Abraham gives Melchizedek the tithe of all?

c). Where do we find commentary on this event in Hebrews?

d). What does its inclusion in Hebrews tell us concerning Abraham's actions?

e). What must have happened, not recorded in the scripture, for Abraham to have acted in faith with respect to the tithe?

- f). What do we learn from Abraham's grandson as recorded in Genesis 28:20-22?
- g). With respect to Abraham and Jacob, was this a time under Law or under grace?
- h). When and why was the Law introduced and which scripture did we look at?
- i). What was added to this original tithe with the introduction of the Law?
- m). When was the Law to remain in effect until?
- n). What happened to the Law at Christ's first advent and why?
- o). Why did the original tithe not pass away with the passing of the Law?
- p). Read Luke 11:42 and Matthew 22:19-21 – What do we learn from these scriptures?
- q). Read Romans 13:7 – What does this teach with respect to ourselves?
- r). Read Galatians 3:5-9 + 24-29 – What do we learn in these verses with respect to ourselves?
- s). What would this mean with respect to the tithe and us?