

Return to Me – Part Three: Is It Worth It?

Malachi 3:1-15

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1. A time is coming when the Lord will bring refining judgment to Israel (Malachi 3:1-5)
 - It begins with the appearance of a messenger to prepare the way for the Lord (3:1)
 - No one can withstand this judgment on their own (3:2)
 - This judgment will purify and refine some (3:3)
 - Those who don't fear him will be destroyed (3:4)
2. The people's disobedience brought the Lord's curse on them (Malachi 3:6-12)
 - He hadn't turned his back on them. They turned their back on him. (3:6-7a)
 - Returning to the Lord meant giving full tithes and offerings (3:7b-12)
3. Their underlying problem was that they found no benefit in serving the Lord (3:13-15)
 - They believed they gained nothing by obeying him or mourning their sin (3:14)
 - They believed that evildoers were better off than they were (3:15)