



# MALACHI

## Our Father Spares Us from Destruction (3:13-4:6)

### What have we said against you?

(3:13-15) Identify the issue which caused the people to speak against the Lord.

List at least three biblical examples when it appeared like the wicked prospered and the righteous suffered.



Share some of the ways you have witnessed how it might sometimes appear like there is no clear distinction between those who serve God and those who do not.

You will again see the distinction between the righteous and the wicked, between those who serve God and those who do not.  
-Mal 3:18

#### MALACHI STUDY OUTLINE

##### “How Great the Father’s Love!”

##### Our Father’s Name Is Great (1:1-2:10)

- How have you loved us?
- How have we shown contempt for your name?
- How have we defiled you?

##### Our Father Is Faithful (2:10-3:12)

- How have we wearied him?
- How are we to return?
- How are we robbing you?

##### Our Father Spares Us from Destruction (3:13-4:6)

- What have we said against you?

(3:16) What point is there in worshipping the Lord? Share some of the blessings you have found whenever faithful believers gather for worship.

## The Lord spares those who fear him.

(3:17-18) The Lord will make clear the difference between the righteous and the wicked. Expand on how the Day of Judgment will lead to each description:

▶ “Treasured possession”

(Dt. 7:6; 1 Pe 2:9)

▶ “Spared” by God

(Ps 103:10-13)

(4:1-3) Describe what will happen on Judgement Day and rate the severity of division between the righteous and the wicked.

No Difference.

Absolute Opposites



## How great the Father's love for us!

Explain how the Day of the Lord will be both “great and fearful.”

(4:4-6) The Lord sent his servants to prepare hearts for his coming. How does he continue to prepare us for his coming?

**Review** what Malachi reveals about our Father's great love.

**Review** the seven questions the people had asked, and share some ways we can honor our faithful and merciful Father.

See Titus 2:11-14 to see what things currently make all believers distinct from unbelievers.

### “THE PROPHET ELIJAH”

Read Luke 1:11-17 & Matthew 17:10-13 to find out how this prophecy was fulfilled.

But for you who fear my name, the sun of righteousness will rise, and there will be healing in its wings.  
- Mal 4:2.

- For further study –  
Compare Malachi 4 with 2 Peter 3:10-13.

- For further study –  
In Psalm 73 Asaph struggled with the same conflict as Malachi's hearers.  
Explain how the apparent conflict is resolved for those who trust in the Lord.