

“The Call to Trust in God and His Timing” 2/4/18

Malachi 2:17-3:5

Sermon Series- “*Malachi- Overcoming Spiritual Indifference and Complacency*”

Immediately the father of the child cried out and said with tears, "Lord, I believe; help my unbelief!" (Mar 9:24) “The apostles said to the Lord, ‘Increase our faith’” (Luke 17:5)

Big Idea- We must develop the basics of our faith and trust in God in order to not weary Him, but to honor and please Him (Hebrews 11:6).

LESSON 1- True and spiritual worship means trusting in God’s TRAITS 2:17-3:4

A. The Israelites’ discouragement (whining) brought about BLASPHEMY
“*Woe to those who call evil good, and good evil.*” Isaiah 5:20; Phil 2:14

B. When the Lord arrives, He demonstrates His RIGHTEOUSNESS
“*When He had made a whip of cords, He drove them all out of the temple, with the sheep and the oxen, and poured out the changers' money and overturned the tables.*” John 2:15

C. The Lord’s judgment of His people is for their BENEFIT
“*But He [chastens us] for our profit, that we may be partakers of His holiness.*” Heb 12:10

How many of you want Jesus to come back today? Are you sure? Ready?

“*For the time has come for judgment to begin at the house of God.*” 1 Pet 4:17
(Also, see Matt 12:36; **2 Cor 5:10; Rom 14:10; Rev 2:18**)

LESSON 2- True and spiritual worship means trusting in God’s TIMING V. 3:5

A. God answers them by bringing judgment that is SWIFT

“*Knowing this first: that scoffers will come in the last days... saying, “Where is the promise of His coming? ... The Lord is not slack concerning His promise, as some count slackness, but is longsuffering toward us, not willing that any should perish but that all should come to repentance.*” 2 Peter 3:3-9

“*That you do not become sluggish, but imitate those who through faith and patience inherit the promises.*” Hebrews 6:12

Going Deeper God desires for us to move beyond questioning His love to embracing it!