

# Malachi 2.17-3.5

## He's coming!

You probably have loads of questions you'd like to ask God!

Dear God,  
Did you mean for  
giraffe to look  
like that or  
was it an  
accident.

Norma

Dear God,  
I went to this wedding  
and they kissed right in church.  
Is that ok?  
ok?

Neil

Dear God,  
Can you please  
make it so I could  
run faster,  
I sure hope.

Phillip

Dear God,  
Would you make  
me a little brother??  
I want somebody to  
boss around!  
Amen.



Dear God,  
I bet it is  
very hard  
for you to  
love all of  
everybody in the  
whole world.  
There are only  
4 people in our  
family and I  
can never do it.

Nan

Dear God  
My grandpa says you were around when  
he was a little boy. How far back  
do you go?

Love  
Dennis

How did you  
know you  
were God?  
Charlie

# Today's Bible passage ..

The people were *questioning* God.

When they looked at the world around them they were puzzled.

It seemed that people who didn't care about God at all got on well ...

... while those who believed in God had all sorts of problems.

It seemed like **good** things were happening to **bad** people .. and **bad** things were happening to **good** people!

It was a real puzzle.

And it left them with a lot of questions.

Read

## Malachi 2.17

<sup>17</sup> You have wearied the Lord with your words.

'How have we wearied him?' you ask.

By saying, 'All who do evil are good in the eyes of the Lord, and he is pleased with them' or 'Where is the God of justice?'

IS GOD

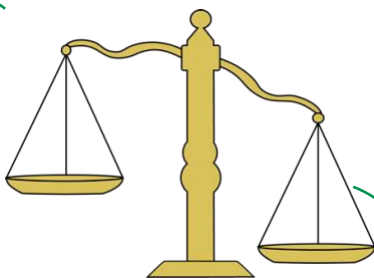
If God is there,  
Why'd he do this?

THERE?

DOES GOD CARE?



IS  
GOD  
FAIR?



# They had some **BIG** questions!

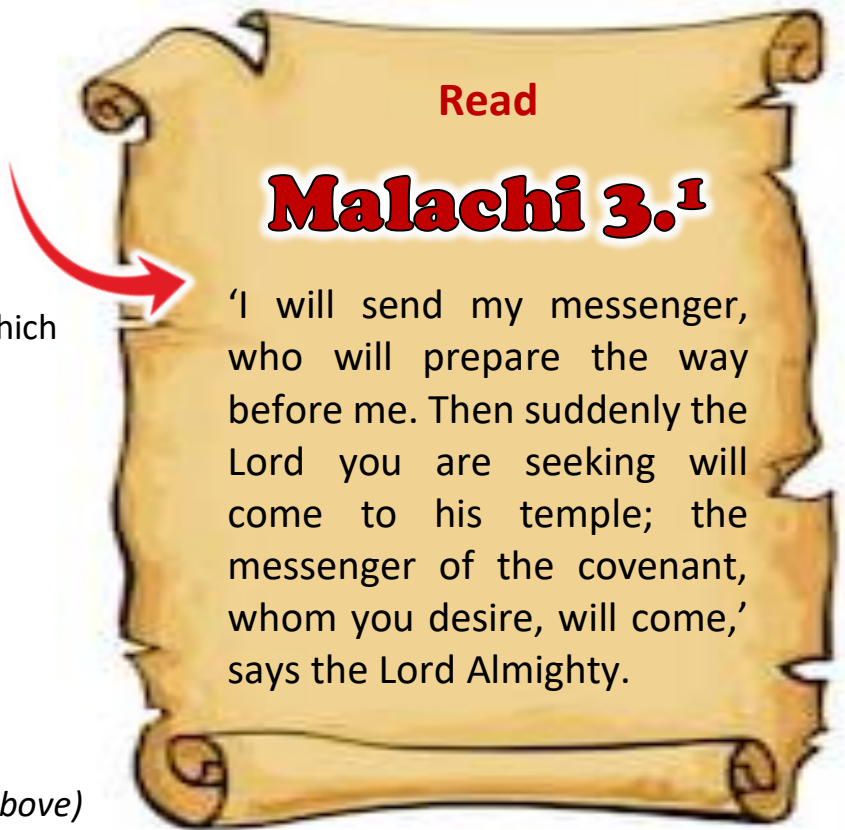
.. but they were forgetting some big promises which God had made.

And they were forgetting that when God makes a promise He always keeps it!

Can you see what the promise was here which the Lord was reminding them about?  
(He says it twice!)

**T** \_ \_ \_      \_ **O** \_ \_  
**W** \_ \_ **L**      **C** \_ \_ **E**

(Use the letters below to fill in the blanks above)



## DRILL HOME



Can you work out what the whole circle says?

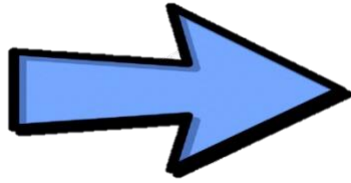
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# The Lord is coming..!

God made that promise a long time ago.

He kept His word and came into this world.

**Christmas**



Jesus promised that He would come back.

He kept His word and came by His Spirit.

**Pentecost**



**He's promised He'll come again, in person.**

And you can be absolutely sure that He will keep that promise too!

**Read**

**Malachi 3.<sup>2-3</sup>**

<sup>2</sup> But who can endure the day of his coming? Who can stand when he appears? For he will be like a refiner's fire or a launderer's soap. <sup>3</sup> He will sit as a refiner and purifier of silver; he will purify the Levites and refine them like gold and silver.

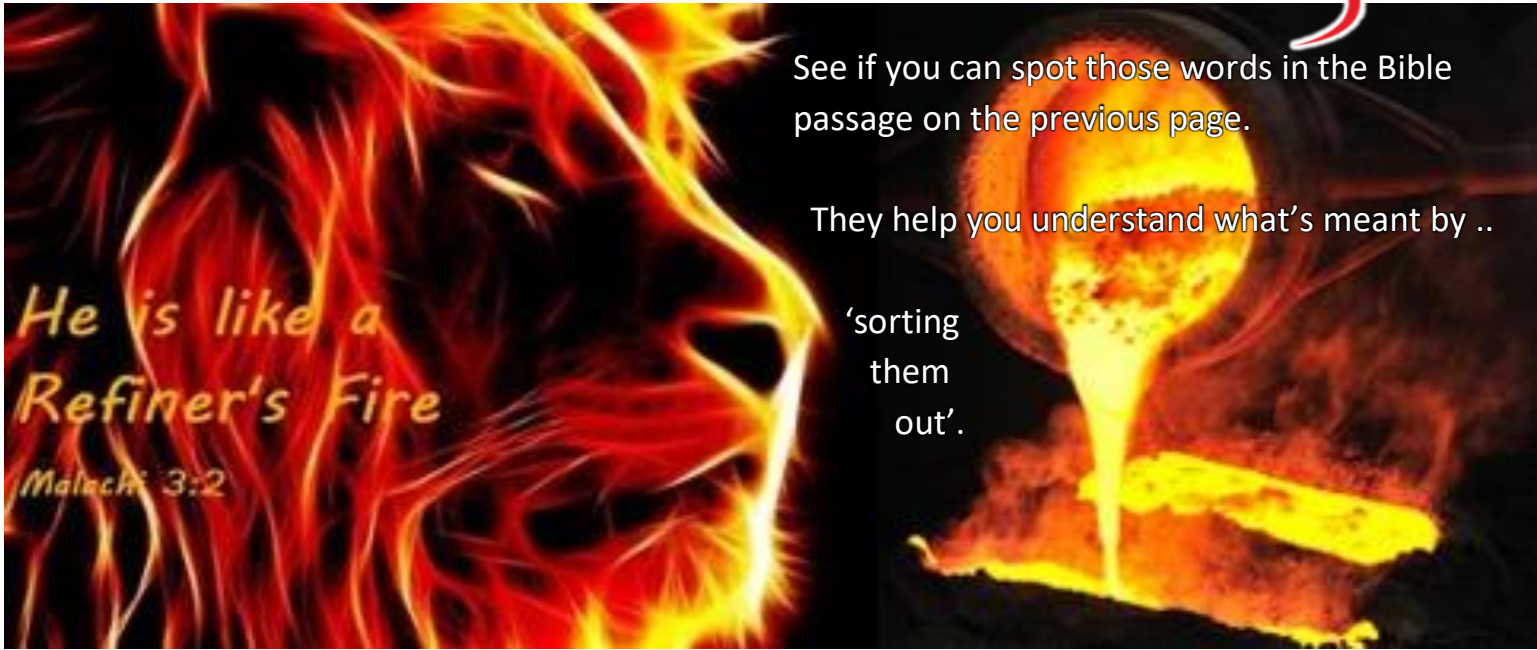
When the Lord comes, He sorts things out and makes things right.

So the people needed to be patient. The Lord **will** come: but He knows the best time to come, and the people would have to learn to wait for Him to come.

The people also needed to remember that when the Lord comes to sort things out ...

... **He'd sort them out as well!**

# “like a refiner’s fire”

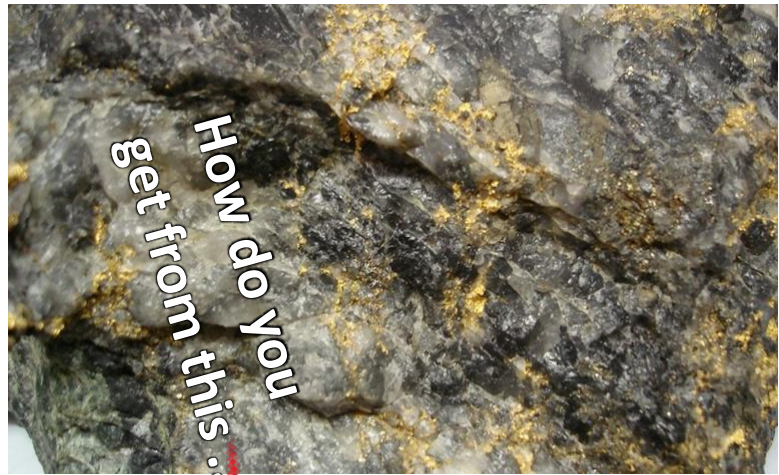


Gold is a very precious metal.

And very expensive as well!

Gold ‘deposits’ are found in the rocks: it’s great having the gold, but there’s a lot of other ‘stuff’ with it.

It’s all put in a very hot furnace (fire) and all the non-gold bits get melted away.



One of these gold bars would cost you today about

**£45,000**

**It’s very hot!**

**.. to this**

Everything that’s not pure gold gets burned away.

What gets poured out is **pure gold!**

When God comes to His people He gets rid of everything which shouldn’t be there in their lives.

It can be uncomfortable! But it’s worth it!

You can see 36 bars in the picture. Total value =

**£1,620,000!**



# A Prayer

Think about what you've been learning today.

Now try praying this prayer (or making up your own prayer!)



I've often got questions, Lord Jesus!

There are so many things about this world I don't understand: and so many things about You that I'd like to know too!

Thank You that You **are** always there (even though sometimes it doesn't seem like it!)

Thank You that You **do** always care about me (even though it doesn't always feel like You do!)

And thank You that You **are** always fair: You always do what's right and good (even if it's not always what I'd have done!)

I'm glad that You've promised to come back to this world – and that when You do You'll make everything right.

I'm looking forward to that day – because I need You to put things right in my life also!

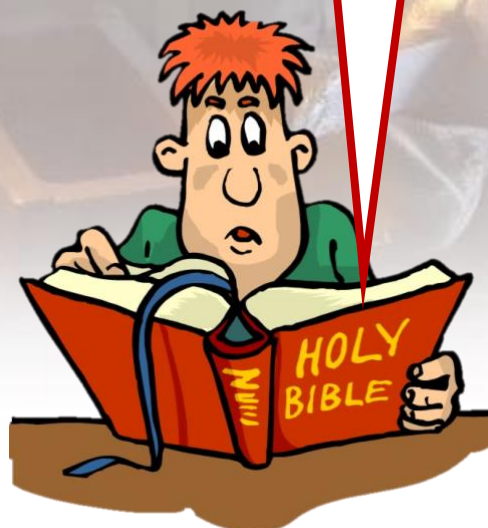
Thank You, Jesus, for everything!



# Today's verse for you to try and remember!

**"Then suddenly the Lord  
you are seeking will  
come to His temple"**

*Malachi 3.1*



# A WORDSEARCH

Try this wordsearch about FAITH

*".. your faith – of greater worth than gold .." (1 Peter 1.7)*

## Faith

R U N G C U N H D E V O T I O N D  
S E I N T E N T I O N F A M I L Y  
E V S B R O T H E R H O O D H O Q  
Q C U G O Z N F I K S Q N Z D J H  
U R B N C M G B S K E E Q R L G F  
A O M C M J D Y W W R P F H Z M O  
L S I H F A I T H F V W Z H A M R  
I S S A Z E L S X M I E T M N E E  
T S S R E U N I T Y C O R C O B V  
Y I I I Q D Q B B E E S U Q B E E  
Y U O T M U P L K A W H T V B A R  
N L N Y N H E D S K S O H H K U N  
Q H O C H R I S T O P N F E N T R  
Q E S A H O P E U J S E U S U I Q  
N P E A C E Y L O V E S L E A F C  
D I S C I P L I N E F T J E S U S  
Q S N L T A C E S M T R U S T L P

Cross	Service	Forever	Family
Hope	Jesus	Christ	Charity
Intention	Equality	Unity	Brotherhood
Honest	Submission	Beautiful	Devotion
Love	Truthful	Trust	Peace
Discipline	Faith		

# Spot the difference!

“.. your faith – of greater worth than gold ..”

How many differences can you spot between the 2 bank notes?



**For you to COLOUR IN**



# Fiery furnace!

In the book of Daniel (chapter 3) there's a story about God's servants facing a fiery furnace.  
Try colouring in the pictures below which tell the story

