Malachi 4:1-6 "Prepare the Way"
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"For behold, the day is coming, Burning like an oven, And all the proud, yes, all who do wickedly will be stubble. And the day which is coming shall burn them up," Says the LORD of hosts, "That will leave them neither root nor branch. – (Malachi 4:1 NKJV)

Jesus Himself describes this.

"Therefore as the tares are gathered and burned in the fire, so it will be at the end of this age. "The Son of Man will send out His angels, and they will gather out of His kingdom all things that offend, and those who practice lawlessness, "and will cast them into the furnace of fire. There will be wailing and gnashing of teeth. – (Matthew 13:40-42 NKJV)

Judgment is certain, and pride is the root that will not survive it.

But that is not the whole message.

But to you who fear My name The Sun of Righteousness shall arise With healing in His wings; And you shall go out And grow fat like stall-fed calves. – (Malachi 4:2 NKJV)

The words that change everything: "But to you."
And what does He promise? The Sun.

Through the tender mercy of our God, With which the Dayspring from on high has visited us; To give light to those who sit in darkness and the shadow of death, To guide our feet into the way of peace." – (Luke 1:78-79 NKJV)

The same day that terrifies the proud rescues those who trust Christ.

Jesus is both the light and the Healer.

You shall trample the wicked, For they shall be ashes under the soles of your feet On the day that I do [this]," Says the LORD of hosts. – (Malachi 4:3 NKJV)

There is a promise here: evil will not win.

And the God of peace will crush Satan under your feet shortly. The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ [be] with you. Amen. – (Romans 16:20 NKJV)

Evil does not get the last word. God will vindicate His name and His people,

so stay faithful.

"Remember the Law of Moses, My servant, Which I commanded him in Horeb for all Israel, [With the] statutes and judgments. – (Malachi 4:4 NKJV)

After the promise comes command.

Your word I have hidden in my heart, That I might not sin against You. – (Psalm 119:11 NKJV)

But be doers of the word, and not hearers only, deceiving yourselves. – (James 1:22 NKJV)

Law-keeping never saved anyone.

Christ has redeemed us from the curse of the law, having become a curse for us (for it is written, "Cursed [is] everyone who hangs on a tree"), – (Galatians 3:13 NKJV)

Faithfulness to God's future always shows up in obedience to God's present Word.

Behold, I will send you Elijah the prophet Before the coming of the great and dreadful day of the LORD. – (Malachi 4:5 NKJV)

The final promise of the Old Testament: a forerunner.

"He will also go before Him in the spirit and power of Elijah, 'to turn the hearts of the fathers to the children,' and the disobedient to the wisdom of the just, to make ready a people prepared for the Lord." – (Luke 1:17 NKJV)

God always prepares the way for His Son, and the silence of four centuries ended with the voice of a messenger.

And he will turn The hearts of the fathers to the children, And the hearts of the children to their fathers, Lest I come and strike the earth with a curse." – (Malachi 4:6 NKJV)

Malachi's last sentence is about hearts.

"And he will turn many of the children of Israel to the Lord their God.– (Luke 1:16 NKJV)

Real repentance restores relationships.

"Now, therefore," says the LORD, "Turn to Me with all your heart, With fasting, with weeping, and with mourning." So rend your heart, and not your garments; Return to the LORD your God, For He [is] gracious and merciful, Slow to anger, and of great kindness; And He relents from doing harm. – (Joel 2:12-13 NKJV)

The sobering last word of the Old Testament: "curse."

'Cursed [is] the one who does not confirm [all] the words of this law by observing them.' "And all the people shall say, 'Amen!' – (Deuteronomy 27:26 NKJV)

The story doesn't end there.

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The Old Testament ends with a curse that needs answering. Jesus answers it by taking that curse for His people.

And there shall be no more curse, but the throne of God and of the Lamb shall be in it, and His servants shall serve Him. – (Revelation 22:3 NKJV)