### Malachi

## Chapter 3

1‘So, {Look!} I’ll be sending My messenger to you,  
 To prepare the way for the face of the Lord  
 (The one for whom you’ve been searching),  
 And he’ll suddenly arrive at My Temple…  
 This messenger of [My] Sacred Agreement.  
  
 ‘Look, he’s coming,’ says Jehovah the Almighty,  
 2‘And who can endure the Day he arrives…  
 Yes, when he appears, who will stand?  
 For he’ll enter like the fire of a furnace  
 And like bleach that’s used to do washing.  
  
 3‘He’ll put his melting pot into a furnace  
 As they do when they refine silver;  
 Then the sons of Levi, he will refine,  
 And he’ll pour them out like silver or gold.  
  
 ‘Then they’ll finally be found worthy to serve  
 [Before Jehovah, the Almighty]…  
 And they’ll offer sacrifices that are righteous.  
 4Then once again, I’ll be as pleased  
 With the offerings of Judah and JeruSalem  
 As I was in the days of the ages,  
 And in the years of long ago.  
  
 5‘Then I’ll come against you in judgment,  
 And against all those who make potions.  
 I’ll also be a swift witness  
 Against those who’re committing adultery  
 And swearing false oaths by My Name…  
 Those who don’t pay their employees…  
 Those who tyrannize orphans and widows,  
 And to foreigners, won’t give any justice.  
  
 ‘Yes, these are the ones who don’t fear Me,’  
  
 ‘...says Jehovah the Almighty…  
  
 6‘I’m Jehovah, your God, and I never change!  
  
 7‘For you sons of Jacob just won’t turn away  
 From the sins of your fathers…  
 You’ve not turned from them or guarded My Laws!  
  
 ‘[All I ask] is for you to turn back to Me,  
 And then I’ll turn back to you.’  
  
 ‘...says Jehovah the Almighty...  
  
 ‘Yet you ask:  
  
 ‘From what do you want us to turn?’  
  
 8‘Will a man be stomped on by God? No!  
 Yet, you [are guilty] of stomping on Me!  
 Then you ask:  
  
 ‘How have we been stomping on You?’  
  
 ‘By holding back your first-fruits!  
 9For you’ve turned from Me and stashed them away…  
 This is how you’re stomping on Me!  
  
 10‘This year has now come to an end,  
 And you’ve harvested produce and stored it in barns…  
 But your homes will soon all be ravaged!  
  
 ‘If you’ll just offer to Me what [is due],’  
  
 ‘...says Jehovah the Almighty...  
  
 ‘See if I don’t open to you  
 An outpouring of rain from the skies!  
  
 ‘Yes I’ll pour My blessings upon you  
 Until you’ve received [more than] enough.  
 11For you, I’ll set aside food,  
 And I’ll not destroy the fruit of your ground,  
 Nor will I weaken your grapevines,’  
  
 ‘...says Jehovah the Almighty.  
  
 12‘Then, all the nations will say that you’re blest,  
 And your land will be one which is desired,’  
  
 ‘...says Jehovah the Almighty.  
  
 13‘But, you’ve put Me down with your words,’ says Jehovah.  
 ‘And then you dare to [come here and] ask:  
  
 ‘How have we spoken against You?’  
  
 14‘By your saying:  
  
 ‘Our service to God is in vain!’  
  
 ‘And:  
  
 ‘Although we’ve kept His instructions;  
 Before Him, we still must come begging!  
 15Therefore, we’ll bless foreign peoples,  
 As well as those who are breaking the Law…  
 And say that those who oppose God will live!’  
  
 16‘Yet, there are some who still council their neighbors  
 And speak of their fear of Jehovah.  
 So the Lord will take notice and listen to this,  
 Then write [their names] in the scroll  
 Of those who show honor and still fear My Name.  
  
 17‘And in that Day, they’ll be Mine,’  
  
 ‘...says the Almighty Jehovah...  
  
 ‘I’ll prepare a procurement and set them aside  
 As a man [shows favor] to the son who [obeys].  
  
 18‘Then you’ll turn to look and you’ll see  
 The things that’ll happen to the sinners…  
 Yes, you’ll see what happens to those who serve God  
 And to those who prefer not to serve Him.’