



Esteeming His Name

Going Forth and Leaping

Mission Accomplished

- ^{NAS} **Malachi 1:2** "I have loved you," says the LORD.
- ^{NAS} **Malachi 3:16** Then those who feared the LORD spoke to one another, and the LORD gave attention and heard it, and a book of remembrance was written before Him for those who fear the LORD and who esteem His name.
- ^{NIV} **Isaiah 55:11** so is my word that goes out from my mouth: It will not return to me empty, but will accomplish what I desire and achieve the purpose for which I sent it.

Day of the Lord

Everything Will Be Put Right

- ^{NAS} **Malachi 3:17** "And they will be Mine," says the LORD of hosts, "on the day that I prepare My own possession, and I will spare them as a man spares his own son who serves him." ... **4:1** "For behold, the day is coming, burning like a furnace; and all the arrogant and every evildoer will be chaff; and the day that is coming will set them ablaze," says the LORD of hosts, "so that it will leave them neither root nor branch."... ³ "And you will tread down the wicked, for they shall be ashes under the soles of your feet on the day which I am preparing," says the LORD of hosts... ⁵ "Behold, I am going to send you Elijah the prophet before the coming of the great and terrible day of the LORD. . ⁶ "And he will restore the hearts of the fathers to their children, and the hearts of the children to their fathers, lest I come and smite the land with a curse."

➤ *Day of salvation (3:17) + day of judgement (4:1,3) → repent (4:5-6)*

Day of the Lord Overview

- It is immanent and it is eschatological.
- The focus is the people of the Lord, but the scope is world wide.
- It's the eschatological intervention of the Lord in his creation when he will gather the wicked for final judgement, and the faithful for final blessing.
- The day of the Lord is near, and coming quickly. In that day, by perfectly and finally fulfilling all of his covenants, the Lord will inaugurate the ultimate and eternal form of his Kingdom.
- It began with the first Advent of Jesus and will conclude with his second Advent.

Day of the Lord - Judgment

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- ^{NAS} **2 Peter 3:7** But the present heavens and earth by His word are being reserved for fire, kept for the day of judgment and destruction of ungodly men...¹⁰ But the day of the Lord will come like a thief, in which the heavens will pass away with a roar and the elements will be destroyed with intense heat, and the earth and its works will be burned up.

Take Heed

- ^{NAS} **Hebrews 10:26** For if we go on sinning willfully after receiving the knowledge of the truth, there no longer remains a sacrifice for sins, ²⁷ but a certain terrifying expectation of judgment, and the fury of a fire which will consume the adversaries. ²⁸ Anyone who has set aside the Law of Moses dies without mercy on the testimony of two or three witnesses. ²⁹ How much severer punishment do you think he will deserve who has trampled under foot the Son of God, and has regarded as unclean the blood of the covenant by which he was sanctified, and has insulted the Spirit of grace? ³⁰ For we know Him who said, "Vengeance is Mine, I will repay." And again, "The Lord will judge His people." ³¹ It is a terrifying thing to fall into the hands of the living God.

Day of the Lord - Salvation

- ^{NAS} **Malachi 3:17** "And they will be Mine," says the LORD of hosts, "on the day that I prepare My own possession, and I will spare them as a man spares his own son who serves him."...
4:2 "But for you who fear My name the sun of righteousness will rise with healing in its wings; and you will go forth and leap about like calves from the stall.
 - Lit., *like bull calves of fattening*; i.e., well-fed calves

- ^{NAS} **2 Peter 3:13** But according to His promise we are looking for new heavens and a new earth, in which righteousness dwells.

Take Hope

- ^{NAS} **Isaiah 11:6** And the wolf will dwell with the lamb, And the leopard will lie down with the kid, And the calf and the young lion and the fatling together; And a little boy will lead them. ⁷ Also the cow and the bear will graze; Their young will lie down together; And the lion will eat straw like the ox. ⁸ And the nursing child will play by the hole of the cobra, And the weaned child will put his hand on the viper's den. ⁹ They will not hurt or destroy in all My holy mountain, For the earth will be full of the knowledge of the LORD As the waters cover the sea. ¹⁰ Then it will come about in that day that the nations will resort to the root of Jesse, Who will stand as a signal for the peoples; And His resting place will be glorious.

Our Response

Live Faithfully

- ^{NAS} **Malachi 4:4** "Remember the law of Moses My servant, even the statutes and ordinances which I commanded him in Horeb for all Israel.
- ^{NAS} **2 Peter 3:11** Since all these things are to be destroyed in this way, what sort of people ought you to be in holy conduct and godliness, ¹² looking for and hastening the coming of the day of God ...¹⁴ Therefore, beloved, since you look for these things, be diligent to be found by Him in peace, spotless and blameless,

Be Careful and Grateful

- ^{NAS} **Hebrews 12:25** See to it that you do not refuse Him who is speaking. For if those did not escape when they refused him who warned them on earth, much less shall we escape who turn away from Him who warns from heaven. ²⁶ And His voice shook the earth then, but now He has promised, saying, "Yet once more I will shake not only the earth, but also the heaven." ²⁷ And this expression, "Yet once more," denotes the removing of those things which can be shaken, as of created things, in order that those things which cannot be shaken may remain. ²⁸ Therefore, since we receive a kingdom which cannot be shaken, let us show gratitude, by which we may offer to God an acceptable service with reverence and awe; ²⁹ for our God is a consuming fire.

A Good Place to Start

- ^{NAS} **Malachi 3:16** Then **those who feared the LORD** spoke to one another, and the LORD gave attention and heard it, and a book of remembrance was written before Him for **those who fear the LORD** and who esteem His name.
- ^{NAS} **Psalm 111:10** **The fear of the LORD** is the beginning of wisdom; A good understanding have all those who do His commandments; **His praise endures forever.**
 - *Fear → wisdom & understanding → obedience → worship*

Conclusions

That Day *is* Coming

- ^{NAS} **2 Peter 3:3** Know this first of all, that in the last days mockers will come with their mocking, following after their own lusts, ⁴ and saying, "Where is the promise of His coming? For ever since the fathers fell asleep, all continues just as it was from the beginning of creation." ... ⁸ But do not let this one fact escape your notice, beloved, that with the Lord one day is as a thousand years, and a thousand years as one day. ⁹ The Lord is not slow about His promise, as some count slowness, but is patient toward you, not wishing for any to perish but for all to come to repentance. ¹⁰ But the day of the Lord will come like a thief ... ¹³ ... according to His promise we are looking for new heavens and a new earth, in which righteousness dwells.

We Will Go Forth and Leap

- ^{NAS} **Revelation 21:1** And I saw a new heaven and a new earth; for the first heaven and the first earth passed away, and there is no longer any sea. ² And I saw the holy city, new Jerusalem, coming down out of heaven from God, made ready as a bride adorned for her husband. ³ And I heard a loud voice from the throne, saying, "Behold, the tabernacle of God is among men, and He shall dwell among them, and they shall be His people, and God Himself shall be among them, ⁴ and He shall wipe away every tear from their eyes; and there shall no longer be any death; there shall no longer be any mourning, or crying, or pain; the first things have passed away." ²³ The city does not need the sun or the moon to shine on it, for the glory of God gives it light, and the Lamb is its lamp.
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