The Refiner's Fire For Solemn Assembly

The Furnace of God Purifying the Levites into Melchizedek Priests

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Suddenly the Lord you are seeking will come to his temple. . Malachi 3 & 4

- 1 "See, I will send my messenger, who will prepare the way before me. Then suddenly the Lord you are seeking will come to his temple; the messenger of the covenant, whom you desire, will come," says the LORD Almighty.
- 2 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. 3 He will sit as a refiner and purifier of silver; he will purify the Levites and refine them like gold and silver.
- Then the LORD will have men who will bring offerings in righteousness, 4 and the offerings of Judah and Jerusalem will be acceptable to the LORD, as in days gone by, as in former years.
- 5 "So I will come near to you for judgment. I will be quick to testify against sorcerers, adulterers and perjurers, against those who defraud laborers of their wages, who oppress the widows and the fatherless, and deprive aliens of justice, but do not fear me," says the LORD Almighty.

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6 "I the LORD do not change. So you, O descendants of Jacob, are not destroyed. 7 Ever since the time of your forefathers you have turned away from my decrees and have not kept them. Return to me, and I will return to you," says the LORD Almighty.

"But you ask, 'How are we to return?' 8 "Will a man rob

God? Yet you rob me.

"But you ask, 'How do we rob you?'

"In tithes and offerings. 9 You are under a curse—the whole nation of you—because you are robbing me.

10 Bring the whole tithe into the storehouse, that there may be food in my house. Test me in this," says the LORD Almighty, "and see if I will not throw open the floodgates of heaven and pour out so much blessing that you will not have room enough for it. 11 I will prevent pests from devouring your crops, and the vines in your fields will not cast their fruit," says the LORD Almighty. 12 "Then all the nations will call you blessed, for yours will be a delightful land," says the LORD Almighty.

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- 13 "You have said harsh things against me," says the LORD.
 "Yet you ask, 'What have we said against you?'
- 14 "You have said, 'It is futile to serve God. What did we gain by carrying out his requirements and going about like mourners before the LORD Almighty? 15 But now we call the arrogant blessed. Certainly the evildoers prosper, and even those who challenge God escape.'
- 16 Then those who feared the LORD talked with each other, and the LORD listened and heard. A scroll of remembrance was written in his presence concerning those who feared the LORD and honored his name.
- 17 "They will be mine," says the LORD Almighty, "in the day when I make up my treasured possession. I will spare them, just as in compassion a man spares his son who serves him. 18 And you will again see the distinction between the righteous and the wicked, between those who serve God and those who do not.

The Day[s] of the Lord Malichi 4



1 "Surely the day is coming; it will burn like a furnace. All the arrogant and every evildoer will be stubble, and that day that is coming will set them on fire," says the LORD Almighty. "Not a root or a branch will be left to them.

2 But for you who revere my name, the sun of righteousness will rise with healing in its wings. And you will go out and leap like calves released from the stall.

3 Then you will trample down the wicked; they will be ashes under the soles of your feet on the day when I do these things," says the LORD Almighty.

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4 "Remember the law of my servant Moses, the decrees and laws I gave him at Horeb for all Israel.

5 "See, I will send you the prophet Elijah before that great and dreadful day of the LORD comes.

6 He will turn the hearts of the fathers to their children, and the hearts of the children to their fathers; or else I will come and strike the land with a curse."

What is this refiner's fire that is coming?



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- "So I will come near to you for judgment. I will be quick to testify against sorcerers, adulterers and perjurers, against those who defraud laborers of their wages, who oppress the widows and the fatherless, and deprive aliens of justice, but do not fear me," says the LORD Almighty.
 - Malachi 4

Priests of the Most High God

- "We are priests of the Most High God—we are the sons of Levi. And He will purify us in His refiner's fire, the furnace of God (some translations even say the oven of God).
- And, as He does, issues in our generational lines in regard to sorcery, adultery, perjury, exploitation of others, and rejection of unbelievers will be burned away.
- Isn't it interesting that the Bible says that we will walk through the fire and the fire will not burn us—we will not be consumed, but the sinful generational issues will be consumed."
 - Dr. Paul Cox

We are Priests of the Most High God – but we are in the new - the Order of Melchizedek Hebrews 7

- 11If perfection could have been attained through the Levitical priesthood (for on the basis of it the law was given to the people), why was there still need for another priest to come—one in the order of Melchizedek, not in the order of Aaron?
- 12For when there is a change of the priesthood, there must also be a change of the law. 13He of whom these things are said belonged to a different tribe, and no one from that tribe has ever served at the altar.

We are Priests of the Most High God – in the Order of Melchizedek

- The Melchizedek Priesthood is the order of priesthood for the new covenant – we are a royal priesthood in the order of Jesus.
- Jesus was the first born of many sons and the many sons will do what He did and even greater things will they do. This is part of our inheritance that is ours now.



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- Jesus spoke of our priesthood to me [Pauline] in this way: "You do not need an intermediary to come to Me and you have received a true teaching on My blood and My crucifixion in which the curtain was torn in two and you have free entrance in to the Holy of Holies.
- By My love and grace, you have been made priests, too, of the Most High God that you might represent sinful man before Me and administer My grace and forgiveness to those who confess their sins before you."

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- "I have told you that you are priests of the Most High God. This means that you will have access to the temple. All My people have access, but you will begin to experience and know the treasures there."
- "As much as people do not want to acknowledge it there are "levels" in Me not levels in you, but levels of knowing Me. These are not hierarchical, per-say, but one must advance into each place [Outer Court, Holy Place, and Holy of Holies] and know Me there as they are faithful with the illumination I give in that place, as they are faithful with the little that I give them, I give them more knowledge of Me."

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- "You know the foreigners could also come into the Outer Court and it is a place where people can be near to Me and I work through their senses, quietly, and unobserved unless they quietly sit and take notice.
- When that happens, I can begin to make Myself known even a bit more otherwise they are "merrily" going along through life unaware of Me and My presence. I say "merrily" not because their life is merry, but because it is one of your phrases that means they hurry along with out paying attention to the things around and in them."

We are Priests of the Most High God – in the <u>Order of Melchizedek</u>

"You have been made priests of the Most High God in the order of Melchizedek [if you minister to him regularly in the Holy of Holies and your Husband is the Lord] and you will build the true church with the true temple that is in heaven as the frame, the structure, the tent – it will go where you go and will be made manifest where you go for the true church is manifesting in the earth and the sons of God will be established and those whose Husband is the Lord will become men and women of renown."

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- 14For it is clear that our Lord descended from Judah, and in regard to that tribe Moses said nothing about priests. 15And what we have said is even more clear if another priest like Melchizedek appears,
- 16one who has become a priest not on the basis of a regulation as to his ancestry but on the basis of the power of an indestructible life.
- 17For it is declared: "You are a priest forever, in the order of Melchize



- **2 Chronicles 7** The Dedication of the Temple
- 1 When Solomon finished praying, fire came down from heaven and consumed the burnt offering and the sacrifices, and the glory of the LORD filled the temple.
- 2 The priests could not enter the temple of the LORD because the glory of the LORD filled it.
- When all the Israelites saw the fire coming down and the glory of the LORD above the temple, they knelt on the pavement with their faces to the ground, and they worshiped and gave thanks to the LORD, saying, "He is good; his love endures forever."

- 2 Chronicles 7 The Dedication of the Temple
- 4 Then the king and all the people offered sacrifices before the LORD.... So the king and all the people dedicated the temple of God.
- The priests took their positions, as did the Levites with the LORD's musical instruments, which King David had made for praising the LORD and which were used when he gave thanks, saying, "His love endures forever." Opposite the Levites, the priests blew their trumpets, and all the Israelites were standing.

- **2** Chronicles 7: The Dedication of the Temple
- Then, The LORD Appears to Solomon
- 11 When Solomon had finished the temple of the LORD and the royal palace, and had succeeded in carrying out all he had in mind to do in the temple of the LORD and in his own palace,
- 12 the LORD appeared to him at night and said: "I have heard your prayer and have chosen this place for myself as a temple for sacrifices. 13 "When I shut up the heavens so that there is no rain, or command locusts to devour the land or send a plague among my people,

- 2 Chronicles 7: The Dedication of the Temple
- Then, The LORD Appears to Solomon
- 14 if my people, who are called by my name, will humble themselves and pray and seek my face and turn from their wicked ways, then will I hear from heaven and will forgive their sin and will heal their land.
- 15 Now my eyes will be open and my ears attentive to the prayers offered in this place. 16 I have chosen and consecrated this temple so that my Name may be there forever. My eyes and my heart will always be there.

What Happens when the Fire Comes? Malachi 3 & 4

- The furnace of God will show up in our worship that we might be purified by God.
- A Day is coming/is here when there will be burning like an oven and all the proud (generational demonic and other parts of the evil system that the enemy has constructed in us and what has come down to us through past generations) and its roots and branches will be burned.

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- We can invite this fire and receive this by faith (An anointing comes to burn the root and the branches)
- Then, the son of righteousness shall rise with healing in its wings - Tom Hawkins Bible scholar said it is a she (angel with healing)
- Once I am burned up and healed, I go out and leap like a calf released from the stall – I am set free.
- Those of us who have the roots and the branches burned, healed and set free, we will turn around and trample the wicked – we will start setting other people free.

What Happens when the Fire Comes? Malachi 3 & 4

- The Word of God is not ignored always go back to the Word
- Behold I will send you Elijah the prophet a new release of the prophetic
- He will turn the hearts of the fathers to the children and the children to the fathers
- Some will see, hear, feel, know but some won't all must receive this by faith based on Malachi 3 & 4

The Lampstand can be Removed

- To the Church in Ephesus
- Rev 2:1 "To the angel of the church in Ephesus write: These are the words of him who holds the seven stars in his right hand and walks among the seven golden lampstands:
- Rev 2:2 I know your deeds, your hard work and your perseverance. I know that you cannot tolerate wicked men, that you have tested those who claim to be apostles but are not, and have found them false.

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- To the Church in Ephesus
- Rev 2:3 You have persevered and have endured hardships for my name, and have not grown weary.
- Rev 2:4 Yet I hold this against you: You have forsaken your first love.
- Rev 2:5 Remember the height from which you have fallen! Repent and do the things you did at first. If you do not repent, I will come to you and remove your lampstand from its place.

Lord, purify our hearts — Go deep within and cleanse us with your consuming fire.

- Pauline hearing
- "There is a new fire coming. As in the days of Elijah I consumed the sacrifice with fire, so shall I consume My sacrificial priests with fire and they will be an offering to Me, a sweet incense offering to Me. For I will purify them.
- I will remove the iniquity from them and I will sanctify them for the works of service that I have called them to. Where else can I have a sanctification service, where else will people sacrifice themselves to me? I will purify, I will purify, I will purify."

The sons will manifest

- "The time is coming soon, and now is when the world will begin to bow to Jesus. He is the Lord and king and his name and His person will be lifted up in the earth.
- This will be in part because of the manifestation of the sons of God who will be speaking the same things over the earth for all who have ears to hear."

The sons will manifest

People will not be able to get away from the message because it will be shouted from the housetops and the radio stations and the TV's and there will be synchrony in the messages.

People who have never met each other will be speaking the same message and it will be a sign and a wonder in the earth. Glory be to God!

"We are leading the church into the twenty-first century and in this hour the church is going to rise into the glorious bride – all who have made themselves ready, who have washed their garments. The sheep and the goats are being separated.

- Repent, Repent, Repent for the kingdom of God is at hand. The systems of this world are being shaken and they will come crashing down.
- Everything that has been built by the will and desire of the flesh of a man or woman will come crashing down. What is hidden will be seen. He is starting first with His church – with those who go by His name.

- Have you been slandering the name? Are you walking in hypocrisy? Repent, Repent, Repent, for the kingdom of God is at hand.
- The day of the Lord is drawing nigh. The day of the Lord is at hand. Prepare yourselves, make yourselves ready. Prepare your hearts.
- Confess your sins. Stop colluding with the evil one. Do not call that which is evil good and that which is good, do not call it evil.

- If you have been walking on a tight rope, you will loose your balance.
- Your Father who loves you will discipline you for your sake and the sake of His kingdom. It will not go unpunished. Repent, Repent, Repent.
- There is grace and forgiveness to all who repent. He will restore. He will restore. He will restore.
- Walk away from the evil that you have hidden in your heart.

Ask Him to circumcise your heart and to remove the heart of stone, to remove the rebelliousness, to remove the lawlessness.

Enter into the refiner's fire. Ask to be washed with the launder's soap for the return of the Lord is at hand. There is work to be done. There is a harvest to be harvested.

A new age is dawning when all who purify themselves and live their lives not for themselves but wholly for Him will be overcomers and qualify to rule and reign with Him.

It will not be open to those who are seeking power or riches or goods for these are impurities that must be removed. It is only open to the obedient ones, who are willing to suffer and die for His sake.

- He is calling for ongoing repentance until all the filth in your heart is removed. He will wash you with the water of His word and bring truth and healing to you and your wounded hearts. He will refine you with the fire of His love.
- Make yourselves available to Him that He may deal with you personally. Faith, hope and love, it is these that remain. Lay down your life that He may take up His life in you. It is the great exchange – your life for His. Be conformed to the Image of Christ.
- Mat 5:6 Blessed are those who hunger and thirst for righteousness, for they will be filled.

Lord, purify our hearts — Go deep within and consume us with your cleansing fire.

Now, King of Salem, King of Peace, our High Priest Jesus in the order of Melchizedek, we wait on You to send the fire the purifying fire that You spoke about before hand for us this day that You might purify Your priests and make us holy. . . .

We bring ourselves as living sacrifices to Your altar that You might purify our bodies, Your temple, and Your presence may come upon us anew. Transform us into Priests in Your order – that of Melchizedek.

and we wait also for the rains in Your season...

