

Malachi – Chapter 4

“The sun of righteousness shall arise”

Message

God's people were in disarray ...

... led by the Priests.

They had to return to Him.

God will bless them

And the Sun of Righteousness will Arise



Judgement

- For behold judgement day is coming...
- Acts 17:31 Because he hath appointed a day, in the which he will judge the world in righteousness by *that* man whom he hath ordained; *whereof* he hath given assurance unto all *men*, in that he hath raised him from the dead.
- Destruction to those in opposition to God & his ways
 - 1 John 5:19-21
 - John 17:3

Sun of Righteousness

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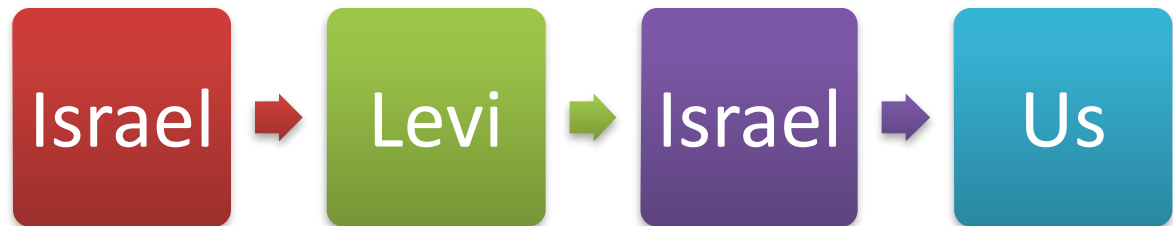
- But → Stark contrast from destruction
- Fear my name → Reverence & awe
- Perfect love casts out fear
- Peculiar treasure
 - Malachi 3:16-17
 - Exodus 19:3-6

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- Sun of righteousness → Jeremiah 33:14-16
 - Perform that good thing
 - Branch of righteousness to grow
 - The LORD our righteousness
- Cp Malachi 4:1 → destroy root & branch
 - Not those whose root is Christ (Isaiah 11:1)

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- Arise → Jeremiah 33:20-22
 - The importance of sunrise
 - God cannot break the covenant that he made with Levi
 - A covenant of life & peace, an everlasting priesthood



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- Healing → Exodus 15:26, Psalm 103:1-3
- In his wings → protection & covering
 - Exodus 25:20 → Wings over mercy seat
 - Ruth 2:12, 3:8 → Trust & Covering
 - Ezekiel 16:8-10 → You shall be mine
 - Psalm 36:7, 57:1, 61:4,7
 - Picture of Christ → skirt, Matthew 9:20
 - Cp Zechariah 8:23 → the skirt of a Jew

Calves of the Stall

- Calf of the stall
 - only known your stall
 - grown up in darkness
 - never seen the light
 - merely existing
- The sun of righteousness arises...
 - We see & feel the sun
 - We see the beautiful green meadow
 - We are free & living in eternal happiness

Remember...

What was the
purpose of the law?



Schoolmaster to
bring them to Christ



That they may enter
into the promises

Beside the covenant...

- Deuteronomy 29:1
 - Beside → different or apart from
- Verse 9-15
 - Enter into the oath
 - Him that is not here this day
- Verse 29
 - Mystery has been revealed in the Lord Jesus Christ → Ephesians 1:9
 - Do all the words of this law → eternal life
- Deuteronomy 30
 - Word of God → in thy mouth and in thy heart
 - Life or death → Choose life

Turn the hearts

- Jeremiah 31:31-34
 - A different covenant
 - Law in their inward parts/minds & hearts
 - not in tablets of stone, but in fleshly tablets of *the* heart – 1 Corinthians 3:3
 - Know God
 - Turn from his iniquity

The Words of Elijah

Jeremiah 4:1-2

If thou wilt return, O Israel, saith the LORD, return unto me: and if thou wilt put away thine abominations out of my sight, then shalt thou not remove.

And thou shalt swear, The LORD liveth, in truth, in judgment, and in righteousness; and the nations shall bless themselves in him, and in him shall they glory.

Hosea 2:14-16

God will send entice his people into the wilderness

Speak comfortably → “to her heart”

- Teach them Christ through the law by taking them back
- Vineyard → She will be given the land
- Valley of Achor as a door of hope
 - Joshua 7:24-26
 - God turned from his anger

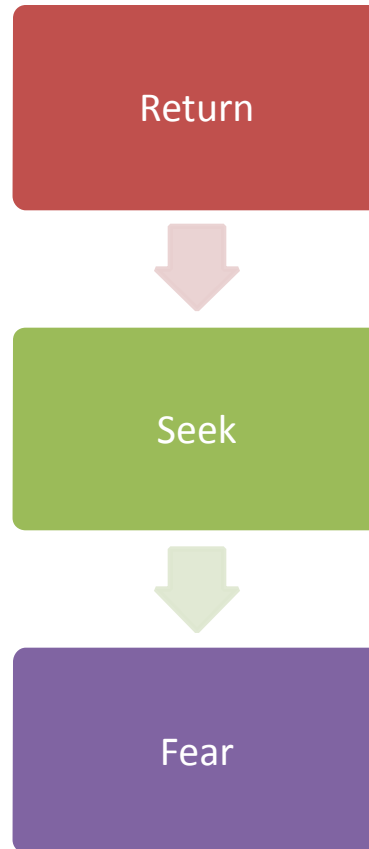
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She shall sing → as when she came out of Egypt

- Using the experience of the past to help with the future
- Ishi → Husband
- Baali → Master
 - Malachi 1:6
 - God gets the respect & fear he deserves

Israel Turned

Hosea 3:4-5



Zechariah 10:8-9

I will hiss → a shepherd's whistle

I will sow → root of Jezreel (God sows) – Naboth's vineyard, his inheritance was in Jezreel

v12 – Strengthen them in LORD,
walk up & down in his name

In the Kingdom

Cry out and shout, thou
inhabitant of Zion: for
great *is* the Holy One of
Israel in the midst of
thee.