

Book of Remembrance

Malachi 3:13-18

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Will you have your name written in the 'book of remembrance'?

Malachi 3 (Holman Christian Standard)

<http://www.biblestudytools.com/csb/malachi/3.html>

The Righteous and the Wicked

13 "Your words against Me are harsh," says the Lord. Yet you ask: "What have we spoken against You?" 14 You have said: "It is useless to serve God. What have we gained by keeping His requirements and walking mournfully before the Lord of Hosts? 15 So now we consider the arrogant to be fortunate. Not only do those who commit wickedness prosper, they even test God and escape." 16 At that time those who feared the Lord spoke to one another. The Lord took notice and listened. So a book of remembrance was written before Him for those who feared Yahweh and had high regard for His name. 17 "They will be Mine," says the Lord of Hosts, "a special

possession on the day I am preparing. I will have compassion on them as a man has compassion on his son who serves him. 18 So you will again see the difference between the righteous and the wicked, between one who serves God and one who does not serve Him.

We see from God's Holy Word the Holy Bible from Malachi 3:13-18 that the LORD GOD ALMIGHTY has heard the religious leaders say negative and severe words against Him. They evidently did not know the LORD GOD ALMIGHTY has ears to hear their inner thoughts and secret place words of saying. Through Malachi the prophet, the people asked the LORD GOD ALMIGHTY know have they spoken against Him. Unbeknownst to the wicked hearted people, the LORD GOD ALMIGHTY hears and sees all. The wicked people felt and said they have not gained anything by keeping God's commandments and walking mournfully before Him. Having a bitter and resentful attitude of serving God caused these

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people to “*consider the arrogant to be fortunate*” (Malachi 3:15), and said, “*not only do those who commit wickedness prosper, they even test God and escape*”(Malachi 3:15). Individuals who made these statements of greed and jealousy wanted to see “payment” from God of his or her service to Him. They felt the wicked and evil actions of people were going unnoticed by the LORD GOD ALMIGHTY, and they were obeying Him in vain.

Many people feel the same as these individuals about the wicked are getting away with wickedness and they seem to be fortunate in their evil actions. This is a lie from Satan the devil trying to use a person’s eyes of lust to influence one to become envious of another with desires of greed and power. This is how the Great Deception will grow and spread among the congregation, and the world. When a person looks at wickedness committed by a person and he or she seems to go free from any punishment, he or she will look as serving the LORD GOD ALMIGHTY with regret and

resentment. Coveting (*to desire wrongfully, inordinately, or without due regard for the rights of others*, www.dictionary.com, 2012) will cause many to spiritually fall and walk upon the wide spacious path to destruction.

The people in Malachi chapter 3 verse 14, and some people in the world today, feels it is useless to serve and obey God because of the upsurge and multiplying of evil and wickedness, testing God and escaping from Him, and thinking the LORD GOD ALMIGHTY does not see these ungodly activities. However, these people were not serving the LORD GOD ALMIGHTY with a persistence faith through the trials and tests in his or her life. They did not fear the LORD GOD ALMIGHTY, and it may appear to them at the time fortunate arrogant individuals will not receive punishment for his or sins against the LORD GOD ALMIGHTY. However, the LORD GOD ALMIGHTY responds to their feelings of antagonism through the prophet Malachi.

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The LORD GOD ALMIGHTY says through the prophet Malachi (chapter 3):

People who feared the LORD GOD ALMIGHTY, He will notice and listen to them. [*v.16-At that time those who feared the Lord spoke to one another. The Lord took notice and listened.*]

People who feared the LORD GOD ALMIGHTY and have high regard for His name will have his or her name written in the 'book of remembrance' [*v.16-So a book of remembrance was written before Him for those who feared Yahweh and had high regard for His name.*]

People who feared the LORD GOD ALMIGHTY will become a special possession of the LORD GOD ALMIGHTY, and those ones will become a special possession on the day He is preparing. [*v.17-"They will be Mine," says the Lord of Hosts, "a special possession on the day I am preparing.*]

People who feared and have high respect for His name will have His compassion upon them. [*v.17-I*

will have compassion on them as a man has compassion on his son who serves him.]

People who feared and have high respect for the name of the LORD GOD ALMIGHTY will see the difference of a godly and ungodly person. [*v.18-So you will again see the difference between the righteous and the wicked, between one who serves God and one who does not serve Him.*]

Righteous will

- Fear the LORD GOD ALMIGHTY.
- Serve the LORD GOD ALMIGHTY.
- Have high regard for the name of the LORD GOD ALMIGHTY.
- Have his or her name written in the 'book of remembrance'.
- Have the LORD GOD ALMIGHTY take notice, listen to him or her who fears, and hold in high honor His name.

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Unrighteous will

- Not fear the LORD GOD ALMIGHTY.
- Not serve the LORD GOD ALMIGHTY.
- Not have high regard for the name of the LORD GOD ALMIGHTY.
- Not have his or her name written in the 'book of remembrance'.
- Not have the LORD GOD ALMIGHTY take notice, listen to him or her who does not fear, and not hold in high honor His name.

What is the Fear of the LORD? Click link to read answers from God's Word the Holy Bible:

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We need to have preparation for the special day the LORD GOD ALMIGHTY referred in verse 17 of Malachi 3. This special day of the LORD GOD ALMIGHTY is when His Messiah the Christ, Jesus of Nazareth, Yeshua will come and return to remove all evil, wickedness, and His Messianic

Kingdom and His powerful, loving, compassionate, gracefulness, and mercy will reign.

How do we prepare for the special day, for the coming return of the Messiah? Click on link to read answers from God's Word the Holy Bible:

<http://butterflyjourney.tripod.com/sitebuildercontent/sitebuilderfiles/become-saved-from-gods-judgment.pdf>

If we desire for the LORD GOD ALMIGHTY to notice us, to listen to us when we pray or talk with Him, to become His special possession, to have our name written in the book of remembrance, then we need to fear Him, hold in the highest esteem His name, and become righteous unto GOD by doing His will with mindfulness toward His Holy Word.