

Judgment and Hope: A study of Joel, Obadiah and Malachi

God's Social Justice

Malachi 2:17 – 3:18

A. Difference Between God's Good and Evil and the Worlds (Malachi 2:17 – 3:5)

1. Culture - Things that are evil to God are being called good in the secular world. Speaking out on what God considers evil, may be a bad thing based on cultures current beliefs.
2. Culture - God is not doing anything in our world to make a difference, therefore people will do what is right in their own eyes.

Culture takes a truth about God and twist it to a false narrative.

Example: No matter what you do, God loves you. Therefore the false belief is... because God loves all people, he does not judge them.

B. Judgment is Coming

Who will be judged?

1. People living in Sin (Sexual lifestyles, ethics and those that oppose God.)
2. Employees who tak advantage of Employees
3. Those who take advantage of widows and orphans
4. Those who take advantage of Immigrants

Why do People do these things?

- They do not fear God!
- They do not understand Gods truth – God Loves you, therefore he wants you to follow Him and live according to his commands.

Application of God's Social Justice

1. Do not avoid Social Justice because it does not fit your politics.
2. Our world needs to hear Biblically based views on Social Justice.
3. Employees need to be fair and have a true concern for their employers.
4. Leave judgment to God!

C. Overview of Malachi 3:6 -18

Repent

1. We are not always aware of our sin, but when we become aware, we need to repent.
2. Repent when we do not obey God.

Results of Repentance in how we live.

- We will give back to God through our tithes.
- We will serve God and follow his commands

The Benefits of Repentance and living for God.

- We will be in a relationship with God and experience Heaven.
- We will be protected from punishment.