Rev. 11:2-6

# Malachi 3:17-4:6 CFBC 6/30/13

Introduction:

**VI. The Sixth Disputation** surfaced the arrogance of Israel, and affirms the remnant of their security in the book of remembrance.

Sometimes payment is denied because of sin. Sometime payment is disguised as spiritual. Sometimes payment is delayed until the future.

"They will be Mine"

**1** They will be Mine

**2** My own possession/ NIV has treasured possession.

In what day?

Points to ponder

1. God is in a covenant relationship with His people that prompts His grace & discipline. 1:2-5  $\,$ 

2. God is worthy of complete honor & reverence demonstrated through the very best of our service to Him. 1:6-14

3. The way we choose to disobey God may be used of God to discipline us in keeping His word 2:1-9.

4. Godly leadership is always essential to keep others from spiritually stumbling 2:7-9

5. We as a Holy Priesthood and by virtue of our relationship are never to deal treacherously with our wives or others 2:10-16.

6. The withholding of discipline in our lives, or another is not a sign of God's injustice, but rather His grace 3:1-5.

7. God's essence never changes, and our perception He has should never affect our worship through giving 3:6-12.

8. Blessings from God for spiritual service may be denied because of sin. 3:13-15

9. Blessings from God for spiritual service do not always have to be physical, economical, or political, they may be spiritual and disguised. 3:16

10. Blessings from God are not on our time table. Sometimes God's blessings will be delayed 3:17-4:3.

11. There is a coming and terrible day of the Lord that can be avoided by repenting of our sin and following the Master of the day.  $4{:}1{\cdot}6$ 

#### Remember:

Your responsibility, by God's enabling, is to consistently apply the divine principles and truths you have heard (Phil. 2:1-13; 1Tim. 4:7-9; James 1:22-27. As you meditate on this message, ask yourself these questions:

- How does God want my beliefs/actions to change?
- How can I accomplish this change?
- What is the first step toward bringing about this change?

# **Remember & Behold**

I. The Remnant is Commanded To \_\_\_\_\_\_\_ the Law as the

#### **Guide to Their Life 4:4**

### A. Remember the Law of Moses My Servant.

This is a command to remember the torah. Remember the books of Moses, the first 5 books of the OT. It means far more then recall or think about some instruction or event.

Ex. 21:1-23:33 and Ex. 20.

John 15:5-10; 14; 17:6.

#### II. The remnant is called to \_\_\_\_\_\_\_ the coming day of the Lord which will be preceded by the preaching of repentance through Elijah 4:5-6

Why Elijah? "He was the head of the prophetic order, all others prophets followed him. He was also a reformer whom God raised up in a remarkably corrupt age, and whose rejection was followed by a particularly terrible day of the LORD, the calamities inflicted by the Syrians, and then the captivity. Elijah's spirit and power were passed on to Elisha, 2Ki. 2:15. John the Baptist came in the line of the reformers, prophets, and forerunners of the Messiah as he too came in the spirit and power of Elijah, Lk 1:17." Kaiser

# A. The *Time* of Elijah

- 1. The **Emphasis** on the D.O.L.
- a. 7 times in Malachi
- b. 19 times in OT
- c. 75 times, "on that day"
- d. 4 times in NT
- 2. The **Extent** of the DOL
- a. When does it begin? Zech 13:8-9

b. What does the DOL include? Zech 14:1-4

c. What does the DOL conclude with? 2Peter 3:10-12

- 3. The **Events** of the DOL in Malachi
- a. Millennial reign of Christ 1:11-
- b. The tribulation 3:2-3
- c. 2<sup>nd</sup> Advent 3:1
- 4. The End Results of His coming
- a. The wicked will be consumed 3:18, 4:1
- b. The righteous will be liberated 4:2-3

# B. The *Ministry* of Elijah 1. Repentance

Matthew 17:1-13