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When the Wicked Win and Faithfulness Feels Futile

Malachi 3:13-4:6

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Wake Up Call

SERMON NOTES & QUOTES

God: "I have loved you."

God's people: "We don't see it. How have You loved us?"

God: "Wake up! You're loved by God!"

The Lord: "You've despised My name."

The people: "How so?"

The Lord: "By offering Me lame sacrifices."

God: "I'm not accepting your offerings."

God's people: "Why not?"

God: "Divorce. You're breaking your marriage vows."

The Lord: "You are wearing Me out."

The people: "How?"

The Lord: "By saying, 'Everyone who does evil is good. Where is the God of justice?'"

God: "You are robbing Me."

God's people: "How?"

God: "By withholding your tithes and offerings."

The 6th wakeup call

- The Lord hears us.
- The Lord remembers us.
- The Lord treasures us.
- The Lord defends us.
- The Lord heals us.

"We can be sure that, if we ask for something that wouldn't be best for us, God won't give it to us... God will either give us what we ask or give us what we would have asked for if we knew everything He knows."

Tim Keller

Treasured possession - segullah - a word kings would use to describe their most prized belongings—their private treasure, kept in their inner chambers. Personal treasure.



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"If you have a God great and transcendent enough to be mad at because He hasn't stopped evil and suffering in the world... then you also have a God great and transcendent enough to have reasons for allowing it that you can't understand."

Tim Keller

Our Responsibility...

- Be in community.
- Serve the Lord.
- Heed God's warning.