

Malachi 3:13-18

Life Group Discussion Questions

For the Week of May 31, 2009

1. As a review, summarize in a few words each of God's statements against His people from these passages in the book of **Malachi: 1:6-14, 2:1-9, 2:10-16, 3:6-12**. Is there a common theme behind these statements?
2. The people of Malachi's time have complaints against God as well. What are they? See **1:13, 2:13, and 3:13-15**. Are any of their complaints justified? Are they understandable? Do you ever share similar feelings? See **Psalms 73** for an honest expression of similar feelings. How are these feelings dealt with by the psalmist?
3. Read **Malachi 3:16** to see how some of the people dealt with God's message and their own feelings. What distinguished these people from the rest? What's the significance of a "scroll of remembrance"? What do you think was written on it?
4. Consider **Malachi 3:7** from last week's message: in particular, God's challenge to return to Him, and what His response would be if they did. How did God show Himself faithful in the context of the events of **Malachi 3:16**?
5. In **Malachi 3:17**, God refers to His "treasured possession". Relate this to how God begins the book of **Malachi (1:1-5)**, and compare it with **Ephesians 1:13-14**. What do these passages mean personally to you?

Bonus questions:

6. Compare **Malachi 3:17** with **Romans 8:32**. Do you see any irony in this comparison?
7. How does **Malachi 3:18** relate to **Malachi 3:14-15**? When is the promise of verse 18 realized?