

Message Notes: When the Lord Comes Near He humbles His People- Malachi 3:1-7

Can you think of a messenger or a courier who played an important role by delivering a message?

The name Malachi means “my _____.”

How long did God remain silent and not send any more messengers or prophets to his people?

Who was the first messenger the LORD promised to send?

What would this first messenger do to get people ready for the second messenger?

Who is the “Messenger of the Covenant”?

How was Malachi’s message bad news for Israel and for us?

“For he will be like a refiner’s _____, like launderer’s _____.”

What reasons might Jesus have for judging his people so sternly?

How did Jesus turn bad news into good?

How can you act as the LORD’s “messenger” this week?

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GETTING STARTED

How do all those packages get from places like Amazon to our front door? Take time this week to thank the people who deliver all these messages and packages!

INTO MY HEART

What were some thoughts from the text / message that stuck with you this week?

What things might have made John the Baptist a very unique messenger of the Lord? (See *Matthew 3:1-12* or *Mark 1:1-8*)

How are these phrases both bad and good news for you?

- “The Messenger of the Covenant, in whom you delight, will surely come,” says the LORD of Armies
- He will be like a refiner’s fire, like launderer’s bleach
- Certainly I, the LORD, do not change
- Return to me, and I will return to you

CLOSING PRAYER

Lord Jesus, You are the perfect messenger who fulfilled all of the LORD’s covenant promises. Please...