























God Said

I have loved you

For I am a great King...where is the honor due me?

I do not change...you have turned away from my decrees and have not kept them...return to me...

People Asked

How have you loved us?

How have we shown contempt for your name?

How are we to return to you?

YOU ARE MINE

MARRARARANA.

Malachi 3:14-18 ESV

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Disciples are:

God-fearing

God-honoring

God-serving

Discipleship keeps us:

Growing in obedience

Focused on Jesus

Fruitful in community

Malachi 3:17-18 ESV

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God looks at who we are on the basis of our destiny, not on our history.

God Listens to His People

Malachi 3:16a ESV

Then those who feared the LORD spoke with one another. The LORD paid attention and heard them...

God Listens to His People

Psalm 34:17 ESV

¹⁷ When the righteous cry for help, the LORD hears and delivers them out of all their troubles.

Psalm 66:19-20 ESV

¹⁹ But truly God has listened; he has attended to the voice of my prayer. ²⁰ Blessed be God, because he has not rejected my prayer or removed his steadfast love from me!

God Remembers His People

Malachi 3:16b ESV

...and a **book of remembrance** was written before him of those who feared the LORD and esteemed his name.

God Spares His People

Malachi 4:1-2 ESV

For behold, the day is coming, burning like an oven, when all the arrogant and all evildoers will be stubble. The day that is coming shall set them ablaze, says the LORD of hosts, so that it will leave them neither root nor branch. ² But for you who fear my name, the sun of righteousness shall rise with healing in its wings. You shall go out leaping like calves from the stall.

Malachi 3:18

¹⁸ Then once more you shall see the distinction between the righteous and the wicked, between one who serves God and one who does not serve him.





