

MALACHI

A Divine Q&A

God Responds
to our Common Questions
about Him

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D. Its Expression:

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 - A. Its Foundation: A God-Fearing Heart
 - B. Its Cultivation: Conversations with Others that Exalt God
 - C. Its Evaluation: God will Faithfully Distinguish between the Righteous and the Wicked
 1. God Remembers those who Fear Him
 2. God Rejoices over those Fear Him
 3. God Rescues those who Fear Him
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 2. Careful Obedience to God

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On that day, the debate about whether it is wise to serve God will cease for ever. To the people of Malachi's day, it often appeared that there was no point in being righteous. The line between the righteous and the wicked was so horribly blurred that it seemed as if one was as good as another. But eternity will bring clarity to all muddled situations, and it will be obvious that the righteous were wise. Like the people of Malachi's generation, we sometimes envy the wicked, but no one will envy them in eternity... The people of God are not to expect him to vindicate them finally in this life. We get into deep trouble when we expect this life to yield the things that only eternity can yield.