


WHERE IS THE GOD OF JUSTICE? DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

MALACHI 2:17-3:5

- 1 **When have you most struggled with the thought that the wicked seem to prosper while the righteous suffer mistreatment?** How did you respond to that? What kind of things helped you gain a proper perspective?
- 2 **Advent is the celebration of both the first and second coming of Jesus.** How does the arrival of Jesus in his first coming answer the question “Where is the God of Justice?” and how does his return at his second coming answer the same question?
- 3 **What does it mean to weary the Lord?** What are some things that might weary Him? How does this text warn us about such a sinful practice?

 *What other warnings in scripture speak to the problem of wearying the Lord with repeated sin?*

 *How would you counsel someone who seems to have patterned sin in their life?*

- 4 **What would life be like if God judged sin immediately?** Why does God delay his judgment sometimes according to (Exodus 34:6; 2Pet. 3:9)?

 *How is it both comforting and convicting to know that God will come to judge the world?*

♥ *How should Christians anticipate this judgment? How should it impact the way we live today?*

- 5 **Malachi 3:2-3 brings up the imagery of a refiner's fire and a fuller's soap.** What do those pictures reveal about God's work in our lives? (See 1 Peter 1:6-7 and Psalm 51:7,10)

♥ *How have you seen these processes at work in your life?*

- 6 **Look over Malachi 2:17-3:5.** What are some of the things that God says He will judge in this passage? When you consider those things, what problems surface in your own walk with God?

⚙️ *Those who don't fear God engage in various forms of social injustice (Mal. 3:5). In what ways can God's people engage issues of social injustice today so that they are a part of the solution, not a contributor to the problem? Think especially of what it looks like to live justly as Micah 6:8 commends?*

⚙️ *According to passages like Matt. 25:31-46 and Rev. 20:11-15, what is God's final judgment primarily related to? Social injustices or spiritual commitments?*