

**McWorship: Authentic Worship in a Fast Food Culture**  
**Malachi 2:17 – 3:6 ... MESSIAH**

**I) AVOID RELIGIOUS CYNICISM (2:17)**

**The Fact:** You have wearied the LORD with your words.

**The Question:** How have we wearied the LORD?

**The Proof/Answer:** They saw others peoples sin and failed to see their own.

**Their Charge:** Where is God? (They saw Him as inactive in their lives)

**Think About it...**

They had become religious cynics.  
(A cynic is defined in Webster's as: A fault finding critic.)

Religious cynics get fixed upon the things of this world which leads us into inauthentic worship.

Religious cynics weary the Lord.

**II) FIX YOUR EYES ON THE PROMISE (3:1-5)**

The Preparations for the Promise (v. 1)

The Person of the Promise (v. 1)

The Purpose of the Promised One (v. 2-5)

- He will be the Righteous Judge (v. 2, 5)
- He will refine and purify (v. 3)
- He will restore (v. 4)

**Think About it...**

**We need to firmly fix our eyes on the Promised One (Hebrews 12:1-3)**

- He wants us to throw off the sin.
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- He is the author and perfecter of our faith.
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- He needs us to gaze intently upon Him.
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- He invites us to not grow weary by doing this.

**III) REJOICE - THE DEAL IS SEALED (3:6)**

**The deal is sealed because:**

- The LORD does not change. (3:6)
- He has made us a promise. (Acts 1:10-11)
- He has sealed us with the Holy Spirit (Ephesians 1:13, 4:30)

**HEART OF THE MATTER:**

God is calling us to not weary Him with our religious cynicism. He invites us to “behold” Jesus and firmly fix our eyes upon Him for He is coming again. Remember, authentic worship will always involve a focus upon the person and work of the Lord Jesus Christ. Anything less will lead us down a path of the religious cynic.