

McWorship: Authentic Worship in a Fast Food Culture
Malachi 4:1-6...Hope

A. A Day of **BURNING** (v1)

1. *What day is Malachi speaking of?*

- a. This is the Day of the **Lord**
- b. This describes the **second** coming of Christ

2. *What will this day be like?*

- a. It will be a day of **burning**
- b. The idea is one of fierce heat (Psalm 21:9)
- c. Divine **judgment** is frequently represented by the figure of fire or burning (Isaiah 4:4; 47:14)
- d. This is a fire **second** to none (Isaiah 2:10-19)

3. *Who is this day directed to?*

- a. The **arrogant** and every evil doer
- b. See Malachi 3:13-15 and Jude 15-16

4. *What will be the result of this day?*

- a. They will be chaff (dried up **grass**)
- b. The wicked will be **easily** consumed
- c. The wicked will be **utterly** consumed
 - 1) It will leave neither **root** nor branch
 - 2) This is not eternal **annihilation**

3) This is speaking of **physical** judgment

4) There will still be an **eternal** judgment (Revelation 20:11-15)

5. *When will this day take place?*

- a. Begins immediately after the **rapture** of the church (1 Thessalonians 4:13-18) and includes the many judgments of the 7-year tribulation period
- b. Culminates with Christ's **return** to the earth at the end of the tribulation to set up His 1,000 year Kingdom on earth (2 Thessalonians 1:8-9)

B. A Day of **HEALING** (v2-3)

1. The contrast is made between light from **fire** and light from the sun
2. The Day of the Lord will also be a day of **healing** for those who fear His name (as seen in Malachi 3:16-18)
3. God's people will be spiritually **restored**
4. For the believer, the **best** is yet to come

C. A day of **PREPARING** (v4-6)

1. Remember the Law of **Moses** (v4)
2. Be prepared for the coming of **Elijah** (v5-6)
 - a. Fulfilled through **John** the Baptist (Matthew 11:7-10)
 - b. Fulfilled through the two **witnesses** of Revelation 11
3. Welcome the **Messiah** (This ends the OT and brings about 400 years of Divine silence)