

39_MAL_03_01 Behold, I will send my messenger, and he shall prepare the way before me: and the Lord, whom ye seek, shall suddenly come to his temple, even the messenger of the covenant, whom ye delight in: behold, he shall come, saith the LORD of hosts.

39_MAL_03_02 But who may abide the day of his coming? and who shall stand when he appeareth? for he [is] like a refiner's fire, and like fullers' soap:

39_MAL_03_03 And he shall sit [as] a refiner and purifier of silver: and he shall purify the sons of Levi, and purge them as gold and silver, that they may offer unto the LORD an offering in righteousness.

39_MAL_03_04 Then shall the offering of Judah and Jerusalem be pleasant unto the LORD, as in the days of old, and as in former years.

39_MAL_03_05 And I will come near to you to judgment; and I will be a swift witness against the sorcerers, and against the adulterers, and against false swearers, and against those that oppress the hireling in [his] wages, the widow, and the fatherless, and that turn aside the stranger [from his right], and fear not me, saith the LORD of hosts.

39_MAL_03_06 For I [am] the LORD, I change not; therefore ye sons of Jacob are not consumed.

39_MAL_03_07 Even from the days of your fathers ye are gone away from mine ordinances, and have not kept [them]. Return unto me, and I will return unto you, saith the LORD of hosts. But ye said, Wherein shall we return?

39_MAL_03_08 Will a man rob God? Yet ye have robbed me. But ye say, Wherein have we robbed thee? In tithes and offerings.

39_MAL_03_09 Ye [are] cursed with a curse: for ye have robbed me, [even] this whole nation.

39_MAL_03_10 Bring ye all the tithes into the storehouse, that there may be meat in mine house, and prove me now herewith, saith the LORD of hosts, if I will not open you the windows of heaven, and pour you out a blessing, that [there shall] not [be room] enough [to receive it].

39_MAL_03_11 And I will rebuke the devourer for your sakes, and he shall not destroy the fruits of your ground; neither shall your vine cast her fruit before the time in the field, saith the LORD of hosts.

39_MAL_03_12 And all nations shall call you blessed: for ye shall be a delightsome land, saith the LORD of hosts.

39_MAL_03_13 Your words have been stout against me, saith the LORD. Yet ye say, What have we spoken [so much] against thee?

39_MAL_03_14 Ye have said, It [is] vain to serve God: and what profit [is it] that we have kept his ordinance, and that we have walked mournfully before the LORD of hosts?

39_MAL_03_15 And now we call the proud happy; yea, they that work wickedness are set up; yea, [they that] tempt God are even delivered.

39_MAL_03_16 Then they that feared the LORD spake often one to another: and the LORD hearkened, and heard [it], and a book of remembrance was written before him for them that feared the LORD, and that thought upon his name.

39_MAL_03_17 And they shall be mine, saith the LORD of hosts, in that day when I make up my jewels; and I will spare them, as a man spareth his own son that serveth him.

39_MAL_03_18 Then shall ye return, and discern between the righteous and the wicked, between him that serveth God and him that serveth him not.