





# LONGING FOR PURIFICATION

Malachi 4:2

# THE FADED RESTORATION

- Malachi's message comes on the heels of several encouraging messages.
  - The people seemed to have responded even to rebuke with zeal.
  - Now they are falling into typical patterns of apathy and apostasy (Mal. 1:10).
  - The epistles of the New Testament reveal this pattern still at work (Gal. 1:6).
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# HUMAN & DIVINE RELATIONSHIPS

- Human relationships offer comparisons for considering God's kindness (Mal. 1:2-4).
  - They offer a measure for our commitment to God (Mal. 1:6-8).
  - Human relationships affect divine relationships (Mal. 2:13-14).
  - Divine relationship affects human relationships (Mal. 3:8-12).
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# THE PURIFYING MESSIAH

- The Messiah is someone everyone longs for (Mal. 3:1).
  - But His coming is not what most expect (Mal. 3:2).
  - This fire works in two directions (Mal. 3:3; 4:1).
  - Repentance is the key theme of Kingdom preaching (Mal. 4:6; Matt. 3:2; 4:17).
  - The result is a confident freedom for those who accept it (Mal. 4:2).
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