

**Service:** Go Church Centurion

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**Message:** Refined For His Glory

### **Malachi 3:2-3 NKJV**

<sup>2</sup> But who can endure the day of His coming? And who can stand when He appears? For He is like a refiner's fire. And like launderers' soap.<sup>3</sup> He will sit as a refiner and a purifier of silver. He will purify the sons of Levi and purge them as gold and silver, that they may offer to the Lord an offering in righteousness.

### **NLT**

<sup>2</sup> "But who will be able to endure it when he comes? Who will be able to stand and face him when he appears? For he will be like a blazing fire that refines metal, or like a strong soap that bleaches clothes. <sup>3</sup> He will sit like a refiner of silver, burning away the dross (scum of impurities). He will purify the Levites, refining them like gold and silver, so that they may once again offer acceptable sacrifices to the Lord

### **MESSAGE**

<sup>2-4</sup> But who will be able to stand up to that coming? Who can survive his appearance? He'll be like white-hot fire from the smelter's furnace. He'll be like the strongest lye soap at the laundry. He'll take his place as a refiner of silver, as a cleanser of dirty clothes. He'll scrub the Levite priests clean, refine them like gold and silver, until they're fit for God, fit to present offerings of righteousness.

### **Background**

Prior to this Malachi had been addressing arrogance, the open contempt of the priests for the Law of God and their negative influence over the people. Then the Lord said He will send His Messenger, and then the Lord whom you seek will come to the temple.

God does not just sit and watch sin, transgression, iniquity like an idle spectator, he judges sin. God is in the business of cleansing His house.

## **1 Peter 2:9**

**<sup>9</sup> But you are a chosen generation, a royal priesthood, a holy nation, His own special people, that you may proclaim the praises of Him who called you out of darkness into His marvelous light.**

**Chosen** - it encapsulates the idea that God has selected us for a special purpose. We are not just random individuals without significance. God has a particular plan for each of our lives.

**Royal priesthood** - calls to mind our role as mediators between God and others. On the one hand as intercessors, watchmen standing in the gap our families, businesses, corporates, suburb, schools, cities, nation and in every domain. On the other hand, we convey the love and truth of God to a dying world so that they can be reconciled to Him.

**Holy nation** - signifies that we are set apart from the world, living in a way that mirrors God's character and love.

## **Romans 8:29**

**For whom He foreknew, He also predestined to be conformed to the image of His Son, that He might be the firstborn among many brethren.**

This is the cry of our hearts that as His Royal priesthood, we may be conformed to the image of His Son.

**To what extent is your life conformed to the image of Christ?**

## **Colossians 1:10**

**That you may walk worthy of the Lord, fully pleasing Him, being fruitful in every good work and increasing in the knowledge of God.**

**Are you living a life worthy of the Lord, fully pleasing Him, being fruitful in every good work and increasing in the knowledge of God?**

Let us determine to ask God to come and begin a process in your individual lives and in our Church of refining, purging and scrubbing us for His Glory.

**What are some of the things that we need to bring before God to dismantle and break down?**

- **Hardened heart**

**Ezekiel 36:26**

**I will give you a new heart and put a new spirit within you, I will take the heart of stone out of your flesh and give you a heart of flesh.**

Are there areas where you have hardened your heart toward God, your spouse, your children, your loved ones, colleagues? Have you put self-protective measure around yourself?

Our prayer today is that the Lord would give us a new heart and put a new spirit within you, that he would take the heart of stone out of our flesh and give us a heart of flesh, that is responsive to Him and fashion us for Him. We throw in every hardness of heart into his refining fire that He may purge us.

- **Anger toward God**

**Psalms 42:9-10**

**I will say to God my Rock, “Why have You forgotten me?**

**Why do I go mourning because of the oppression of the enemy?”**

**<sup>10</sup> As with a breaking of my bones, My enemies reproach me,**

**While they say to me all day long, “Where is your God?”**

**Jeremiah 15:18**

**Why is my pain perpetual and my wound incurable, which refuses to be healed? Will You surely be to me like an unreliable stream, as waters that fail?**

What is the cause of that anger toward God? Some unanswered prayer? Is it grief triggered? Sometimes when you lose your loved it is not unusual to be angry with God.

**What matters have you taken into your hands and refused to relinquish at the feet of Jesus?**

**Matthew 11:28-30:**

<sup>28</sup>Come to Me, all you who labor and are heavy laden, and I will give you rest. <sup>29</sup>Take My yoke upon you and learn from Me, for I am gentle and lowly in heart, and you will find rest for your souls. <sup>30</sup>For My yoke is easy and My burden is light.”

What are the impurities in your life that you need to allow the Lord to take away?

- Sin

Hebrews 12:1-2

<sup>12</sup>Therefore we also, since we are surrounded by so great a cloud of witnesses, let us lay aside every weight, and the sin which so easily ensnares us, and let us run with endurance the race that is set before us, <sup>2</sup>looking unto Jesus, the author and finisher of our faith, who for the joy that was set before Him endured the cross, despising the shame, and has sat down at the right hand of the throne of God.

What is the sin that has prevented you from running with endurance the race set before you?

1 John 1:8-10

<sup>8</sup>If we say that we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us. <sup>9</sup>If we confess our sins, He is faithful and just to forgive us *our* sins and to cleanse us from all unrighteousness. <sup>10</sup>If we say that we have not sinned, we make Him a liar, and His word is not in us.

Are you prepared to repent and bring that sin that so easily entangles to God?

Galatians 5:16-23

<sup>16</sup>I say then: Walk in the Spirit, and you shall not fulfil the lust of the flesh. <sup>17</sup>For the flesh lusts against the Spirit, and the Spirit against the flesh; and these are contrary to one another, so that you do not do the things that you wish. <sup>18</sup>But if you are led by the Spirit, you are not under the law.

<sup>19</sup>Now the works of the flesh are evident, which are: adultery, fornication, uncleanness, lewdness, <sup>20</sup>idolatry, sorcery, hatred, contentions, jealousies, outbursts of wrath, selfish ambitions, dissensions, heresies, <sup>21</sup>envy, murders,

drunkenness, revelries, and the like; of which I tell you beforehand, just as I also told *you* in time past, that those who practice such things will not inherit the kingdom of God.

<sup>22</sup> But the fruit of the Spirit is love, joy, peace, longsuffering, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, <sup>23</sup> gentleness, self-control. Against such there is no law. <sup>24</sup> And those *who are* Christ's have crucified the flesh with its passions and desires. <sup>25</sup> If we live in the Spirit, let us also walk in the Spirit. <sup>26</sup> Let us not become conceited, provoking one another, envying one another.

Are you prepared to let go of these and walk by the Spirit? Are you willing to allow God to refine you for His Glory?

- Is it pride?

**Obadiah 1:3-4**

<sup>3</sup>The pride of your heart has deceived you (Edom), You who dwell in the clefts of the rock, whose habitation is high. You who say in your heart, 'Who will bring me down to the ground?' <sup>4</sup> Though you ascend as high as the eagle, and though you set your nest among the stars, from there I will bring you down," says the Lord.

**James 4:6**

<sup>6</sup> But He gives more grace. Therefore He says: "God resists the proud, but gives grace to the humble.

- Judgemental attitude

**Matthew 7:2**

<sup>2</sup> For with what judgment you judge, you will be judged; and with the measure you use, it will be measured back to you.

What are those impurities that must be removed so that you can be refined and become fit for use in God's Kingdom?

How malleable/supple to the work of the Holy Spirit that we may be effectively used by God?

## **2 Corinthians 3:18**

**But we all, with unveiled face, beholding as in a mirror the glory of the Lord, are being transformed into the same image from glory to glory, just as by the Spirit of the Lord.**

## **Romans 8:26-27**

**<sup>26</sup> Likewise the Spirit also helps in our weaknesses. For we do not know what we should pray for as we ought, but the Spirit Himself makes intercession [\[a\]](#)for us with groanings which cannot be uttered. <sup>27</sup> Now He who searches the hearts knows what the mind of the Spirit *is*, because He makes intercession for the saints according to *the will of God*.**

## **Romans 12:1-2**

**I beseech you therefore, brethren, by the mercies of God, that you present your bodies a living sacrifice, holy, acceptable to God, *which is your* <sup>1</sup>reasonable service. <sup>2</sup> And do not be conformed to this world, but be transformed by the renewing of your mind, that you may prove what *is* that good and acceptable and perfect will of God.**

Sometimes we think we have dealt with all the issues but still discover some matters are still rearing their heads. It is then that we need to go back to God and cry out to Him for go deeper and purge us even further.

## **Zechariah 3:3**

**Therefore say to them, ‘Thus says the Lord of hosts: “Return to Me,” says the Lord of hosts, “and I will return to you,” says the Lord of hosts.**

## **Isaiah 57:15**

**For thus says the High and Lofty One. Who inhabits eternity, whose name is Holy. I dwell in the high and holy place, with him who has a contrite and humble spirit. To revive the spirit of the humble, and to revive the heart of the contrite ones.**

## **Psalms 51: 2**

**Wash me thoroughly from my iniquity, and cleanse me from my sin.**

## **Psalm 51:7-9**

**Purge me with hyssop, and I shall be clean. Wash me, and I shall be whiter than snow. <sup>8</sup> Make me hear joy and gladness, that the bones You have broken may rejoice. <sup>9</sup> Hide Your face from my sins, and blot out all my iniquities.**

**<sup>10</sup> Create in me a clean heart, O God, and renew a steadfast spirit within me.**

**<sup>11</sup> Do not cast me away from Your presence, and do not take Your Holy Spirit from me. <sup>12</sup> Restore to me the joy of Your salvation, and uphold me by Your generous Spirit. <sup>13</sup> Then I will teach transgressors Your ways, And sinners shall be converted to You.**

**<sup>16</sup> For You do not desire sacrifice, or else I would give it. You do not delight in burnt offering. <sup>17</sup> The sacrifices of God are a broken spirit, a broken and a contrite heart—these, O God, You will not despise.**

**When God is through with you, what vessel will you be in God's house?**

## **2 Timothy 2:20-21**

**<sup>20</sup> But in a great house there are not only vessels of gold and silver, but also of wood and clay, some for honor and some for dishonor. <sup>21</sup> Therefore if anyone cleanses himself from the latter, he will be a vessel for honor, [\[h\]](#)sanctified and useful for the Master, prepared for every good work.**

## **CONCLUSION**

**We need to preserve and guard the anointing that is on our lives.**

## **1 Corinthians 4:1**

**<sup>1</sup> Let a man so consider us, as servants of Christ and stewards of the mysteries of God. <sup>2</sup> Moreover it is required in stewards that one be found faithful.**

### **Luke 8:9-10**

**<sup>9</sup> Then His disciples asked Him, saying, “What does this parable mean?” <sup>10</sup> And He said, “To you it has been given to know the mysteries of the kingdom of God, but to the rest it is given in parables, that ‘Seeing they may not see, And hearing they may not understand.’**

### **Psalm 25:14**

**The secret of the Lord *is* with those who fear Him, and He will show them His covenant.**

### **Reflection questions?**

- Would you still love God even if He did not answer any of your prayers?
- Are we prepared to lay down your lives before Him and allow Him to do in us what He will?
- Are we prepared to pursue God that he may purge and cleanse us and not just seek him His anointing, fame, or power?
- God wants your all, not just your gifts, money or other things and you prepared to give Him your all?
- Will you deepen your intimacy with God?