

How Have We Wearied You?

A Dialogue with God #5 – Pastor Gary Combs – 3/8/15 - Malachi 2:17-3:6

Malachi 2:17-3:6 (ESV) ^{2:17} You have wearied the Lord with your words. But you say, "How have we wearied him?" By saying, "Everyone who does evil is good in the sight of the Lord, and he delights in them." Or by asking, "Where is the God of justice?" ^{3:1} "Behold, I send my messenger and he will prepare the way before me. And the Lord whom you seek will suddenly come to his temple; and the messenger of the covenant in whom you delight, behold, he is coming, says the Lord of hosts. ²But 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 fullers' soap. ³He will sit as a refiner and purifier of silver, and he will purify the sons of Levi and refine them like gold and silver, and they will bring offerings in righteousness to the Lord. ⁴Then the offering of Judah and Jerusalem will be pleasing to the Lord as in the days of old and as in former years. ⁵"Then I will draw near to you for judgment. I will be a swift witness against the sorcerers, against the adulterers, against those who swear falsely, against those who oppress the hired worker in his wages, the widow and the fatherless, against those who thrust aside the sojourner, and do not fear me, says the Lord of hosts. ⁶"For I the Lord do not change; therefore you, O children of Jacob, are not consumed.

A. HOW WE HAVE WEARIED GOD?

1. By questioning God's _____.
2. By questioning why God _____.
3. By questioning God's _____.

B. GOD'S ANSWER TO OUR QUESTIONS ABOUT HIM:
_____.

1. Recognize Christ as the _____ of God's goodness.

Romans 3:12 (ESV) All have turned aside; together they have become worthless; no one does good, not even one."

Mark 7:37 (ESV) ... "He has done all things well. He even makes the deaf hear and the mute speak."

2. Understand that Christ _____ to our suffering.

1 Peter 2:21-24 (ESV) For to this you have been called, because Christ also suffered for you...

1 Peter 1:6-7 (NLT) So be truly glad. There is wonderful joy ahead, even though you must endure many trials for a little while. These trials will show that your faith is genuine. It is being tested as fire tests and purifies gold...

3. Trust in Christ _____ for His coming judgment.

1 Thessalonians 5:2-11 (ESV) For you yourselves are fully aware that the day of the Lord will come like a thief in the night...

2 Timothy 4:1-2 (NLT) I solemnly urge you in the presence of God and Christ Jesus, who will someday judge the living and the dead when he comes to set up his Kingdom...

Romans 8:1 (ESV) There is therefore now no condemnation for those who are in Christ Jesus.