

32.4 Malachi 3-4

Use in conjunction with the Student Manual

Student Name:

Have you ever been in a situation in which you needed to be prepared for something important but were not prepared? Write a few words or phrases that describe the feelings you had:

Read Malachi 3:1–2, looking for phrases that describe the Second Coming.

According to Malachi 3:2, why do we need to be ready for the Second Coming?

What are some ways Jesus Christ is like a refiner's fire and like a fuller's soap?

1. What did the Prophet Joseph Smith do to prepare us for the return of Jesus Christ?

What can you do to better prepare for the Lord's return in glory?

Imagine that you have a close friend or family member who stopped keeping the commandments and left the Church a while ago. However, this person has recently expressed a desire to return to Church but does not feel worthy to do so. What would you say to try to help this person?

Read Malachi 3:7, looking for the Lord's promise to the Israelites who had broken their covenants and turned from Him.

What principle did the Lord teach to those who were not keeping their covenants?

2. a. What do you think it means to return to the Lord?

b. What does the principle about returning to the Lord teach you about Heavenly Father and Jesus Christ?

Also from Malachi 3:7, what question did the Lord say the people asked?

Read Malachi 3:8–9, looking for the questions asked and the Lord's answer.

How had the Israelites robbed the Lord?

Read Malachi 3:10–12, looking for what the Lord said He would do and what they would be if they would pay tithes and offerings.

Complete the following principle: If we return to God and pay our tithes and offerings, then the Lord will ...

3. Record how you or your family may have been blessed in significant but subtle ways because of paying tithing.

4. To help you master this passage, read Malachi 3:8–10 several times, and ponder how you would explain the law of tithing to someone who has never heard of it before. Consider analogies and personal experiences you could use to help someone better understand this commandment and how keeping it shows our love for God. Write a paragraph explaining how you would do this.

Read Malachi 3:16–17, looking for how the second group of people felt toward God

According to verse 17, what blessings will God give those who show Him reverence and respect?

Read Malachi 4:1, looking for whom Malachi likened to stubble.

What will happen to the proud and the wicked at the Second Coming?

Read Malachi 4:2–3, looking for what the righteous will experience at the Lord's Second Coming.

What does the Lord promise those who fear (respect and revere) His name?

Read Malachi 4:5–6, looking for what Malachi said Elijah would do when he returned.

5. To help you memorize this scripture mastery passage, read Malachi 4:5–6 several times. When you are fairly confident you know these two verses, attempt to write them word for word without looking at your scriptures. If you miss any words, read the passage a few more times and try to write the verses perfectly from memory.

6. Additional questions, thoughts, and insights I would like to share with my teacher:
