

## **Trust In God Matters**

### **Malachi 2:17-3:12**

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**Thesis:** The God of justice will return to reward those who worship Him and punish those who do not. Until His return, He expects that we will steward everything He gives us to worship Him.

1. Do not doubt that God is a God of justice (2:17; 3:5).

New Testament Connection:

2. The coming of Jesus will be marvelous and terrifying (3:1-5).

New Testament Connection:

3. God's unchanging nature gives opportunity for repentance (3:6-7a).

New Testament Connection:

4. To keep anything from God is to rob Him of what is rightfully His (3:7b-9).

New Testament Connection:

5. Live your life in such a way that trusts in God's provision (3:10-12).

New Testament Connection:

6. Making the connection to my life: 2 Timothy 3:16-17.

A. Major doctrines:

1. The Justice of God
2. The Return of Christ
3. The Immutability of God
4. The created order belongs to its Creator.

B. Where does my thinking need corrected?

1. Do I believe God is just and will bring judgment?
  
2. Do I believe the "windows of heaven" can meet all my needs?

C. Where does my behavior need reproof?

1. Am I living like I doubt God's justice or provision?
  
2. Is there an area of my life that I am trying to keep from God?

D. What is the instruction in righteousness from this passage?

1. Stop to take time to meditate on the coming return of Christ in all His glory.
  
2. Use the resources God has given you to be generous to one person this week.