



# UNIMAGINABLE PROMISES

MALACHI 4

The background of the slide features a dense, light gray pattern of maple leaves. On the left side, there is a large, stylized geometric graphic composed of several overlapping triangular and quadrilateral shapes in bright blue and dark gray/black, creating a 3D effect.

The “Day of the Lord” is  
coming!

## MALACHI 4

- “For behold, **the day is coming**, burning like a furnace; and all **the arrogant and every evildoer** will be chaff; and the day that is coming **will set them ablaze**,” says the LORD of hosts, “so that it will leave them neither root nor branch.”

# A Day of Devastating Judgment

- The wicked may seem to be getting away with their wickedness, but God is a just God and there is a day of reckoning
- Leave room for the wrath of God (Rom. 12:19-21)
- Don't lose heart in the midst of injustice
- Entrust your souls to a faithful creator (1 Peter 2:21-25)
- But also, this should motivate us to share the good news!  
Who really do we want to see in Hell?

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- <sup>2</sup> “**But for you who fear My name,** the sun of righteousness will rise with **healing in its wings**; and you will go forth and skip about like calves from the stall. <sup>3</sup> You will tread down the wicked, for they will be ashes under the soles of your feet on the day which I am preparing,” says the LORD of hosts.



# A Day of Restoration and Healing

- There is a “day” of comfort coming
- A day of healing
- A day of rejoicing
- A day of remembrance
- Never doubt it truly is worth serving our God in this life

## Isaiah 65: 17-25

- 17 “For behold, I **create new (fresh) heavens and a new (fresh) earth;**  
And the **former things will not be remembered** or come to mind.  
18 “But be glad and rejoice forever in what I create;  
For behold, I create Jerusalem *for* rejoicing  
And her people *for* gladness.

## Isaiah 65: 17-25

- 19 “I will also rejoice in Jerusalem and be glad in My people;  
And there will **no longer be heard in her**  
**The voice of weeping and the sound of crying.**  
20 “**No longer will there be in it an infant *who lives but a few days,***  
Or an old man who does not live out his days;  
For the youth will die at the age of one hundred  
And the one who does not reach the age of one hundred  
Will be *thought* accursed.

## Isaiah 65: 17-25

- 21 “They will build houses and inhabit *them*;  
They will also plant vineyards and eat their fruit.  
22 “They will **not build and another inhabit**,  
They will **not plant and another eat**;  
For as the lifetime of a tree, *so will be* the days of My people,  
And My chosen ones will wear out the work of their hands.

## Isaiah 65: 17-25

- <sup>23</sup> “They will not labor in vain,  
Or bear *children* for calamity;  
For they are the offspring of those blessed by the LORD,  
And their descendants with them.
- <sup>24</sup> It will also come to pass that before they call, I  
**will answer**; and while they are still speaking, I **will hear**.

## Isaiah 65: 17-25

- <sup>25</sup> The wolf and the lamb will graze together, and the lion will eat straw like the ox; and dust will be the serpent's food. **They will do no evil or harm in all My holy mountain,**” says the LORD.



# True healing for God's people!

- Malachi now wraps up his book with an important challenge for the people of Israel.

# BE PREPARED FOR THE COMING OF THE MESSIAH!!! (VS 4-6)

- LOOK BACKWARD TO THE GIVING OF THE LAW (vs 4)
  - THE IMPORTANCE OF PRESENT PREPERATION
- LOOK AHEAD TO GOD'S MESSENGER (vs 5-6)
  - HOPE FOR THE FUTURE

## MALACHI 4

- 4 “**Remember** the law of Moses My servant, *even the* statutes and ordinances which I commanded him in Horeb for all Israel.



# THE IMPORTANCE OF PRESENT PREPERATION

- The “day of the Lord” is indeed coming, **so be prepared!**
- Remember and obey God’s commands
- Ecclesiastes 12:13-14 “...the conclusion is Fear God and Keep His commandments...”

# THE IMPORTANCE OF PRESENT PREPERATION

**Run**

Run your race with endurance

**Don't  
become**

Don't become sidetracked by others around you

**Fix**

Fix your eyes on Jesus

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- <sup>5</sup> “Behold, **I am going to send you Elijah** the prophet **before** the coming of the great and terrible day of the LORD. <sup>6</sup> **He will restore** the hearts of the fathers to *their* children and the hearts of the children to their fathers, **so that** I will not come and smite the land with a curse.”

# HOPE FOR THE FUTURE

- God promised the people that He would send “Elijah”
  - Elijah’s primary purpose was to prepare the way for the Messiah
  - Part of this preparation was the restoration of the family (Luke 1:13-17)

# Application

- Some of the promises of God are conditional
  - Here in Malachi 4 THE HOPE is for those who FEAR HIM
  - Under the New Covenant, we also are exhorted to “FEAR THE LORD” (2 Cor. 5:9-11)

## Understand “the fear of the Lord”

- Fear of The Lord is based on a **correct understanding** of God’s character, God’s purposes, God’s promises and God’s power **coupled with a motivating desire** to please Him and thereby walk in a manner pleasing to Him and thus avoid the negative consequences of disobedience. (Psalm 34:11-14)
- This correct understanding comes from God’s revelation of Himself through His Word. (Deut. 17:18-20; Psalm 34:11-14)

## Understand “the fear of the Lord”

- Understanding how much God hates sin and being deterred from it because we believe God will discipline His Children. (Heb. 12:5-11)
- Seeing His holiness and His glory as well as recognizing our own sinfulness. (Is. 6:1-7) (Being in AWE of HIM)
- It is a profound Love for God and a deeply rooted respect for who God is and what He desires!

# Application

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Under the New Covenant there are still many conditional promises for God's people.

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God promises special blessings to those who fear Him, to those who walk in a manner worthy of their calling

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Remember His promises (and be motivated because of His promises to live for Him today)

# Be Ready to See Jesus Face to Face

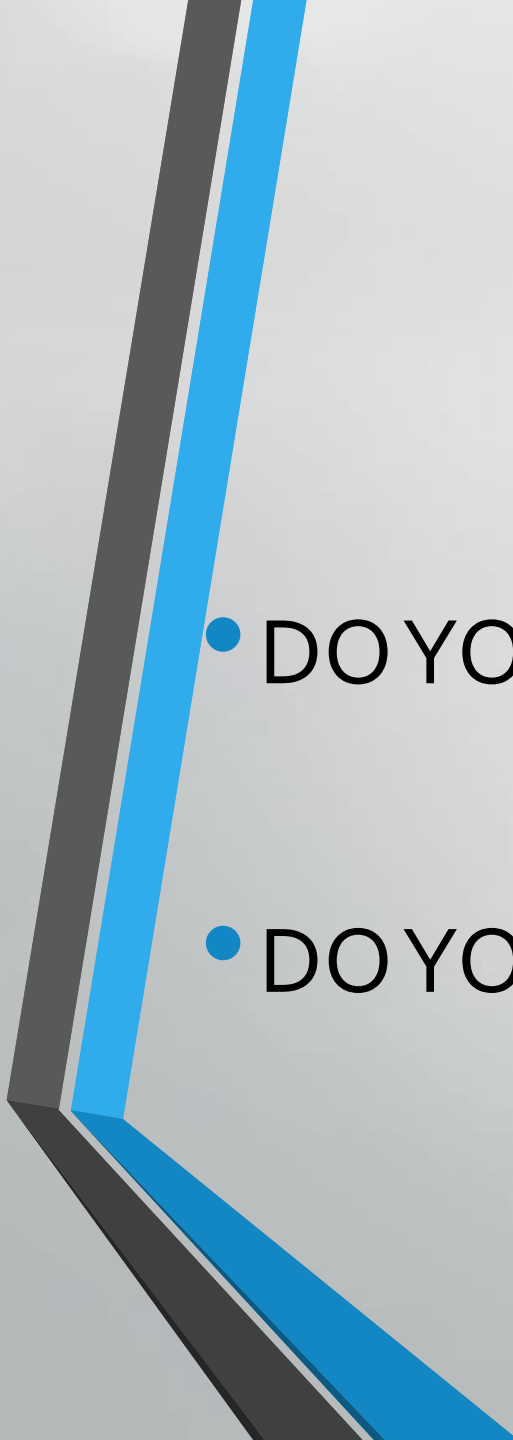
- Abide in Him... so that... when He does appear we may have **confidence and not shrink back in shame**... (1 John 2:25-29)
- If “these qualities” are yours... your entrance into the eternal kingdom will be **abundantly supplied** to you (2 Peter 1:5-11)
- The proof of your faith... even though tested by fire... may be found to **result in praise and glory and honor** at the revelation of Jesus Christ (1 Peter 1:3-7)

# Application

- Some of God's promises are unconditional. That is, they are true for all His children.
- To be absent from the body is to be **at home; WITH THE LORD** (2 Cor. 5:6-8)
- Being At Home will be comforting:
  - Remember Lazurus: being comforted in Abraham's bosom (Luke 16:19-31)
  - Remember the thief on the cross: Today you will be with me in Paradise. (sounds pretty "comforting" to me.)

# Long for the “Day of Healing”

- If I go,... I will return... and **receive you to Myself**... that where I am there you may be also (John 14:1-4)
- Christ Himself will return in the clouds... and will bring with Him all those who have died in Christ... we will be caught up together with Him... and thus we shall **be with The Lord forever** (1 Thess. 4:13-18)
- One day there will be no more sorrow, no more suffering, no more death, no more sin... (Rev. 21-22)

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- DO YOU LONG TO BE WITH JESUS?
  - DO YOU LIVE AS IF YOU ARE READY FOR HIS RETURN?