



## **SERMON NOTES**

July 21, 2019

Scripture: Malachi 3:13-18 (NAS)

"God Is Listening Attentively"

- 13 "Your words have been arrogant against Me," says the LORD. "Yet you say, 'What have we spoken against You?'"
- 14 "You have said, 'It is vain to serve God; and what profit is it that we have kept His charge, and that we have walked in mourning before the LORD of hosts?'"
- 15 "So now we call the arrogant blessed; not only are the doers of wickedness built up but they also test God and escape.""
- 16 Then those who feared the LORD spoke to one another, and the LORD gave attention and heard it, and a book of remembrance was written before Him for those who fear the LORD and who esteem His name.
- 17 "They will be Mine," says the LORD of hosts, "on the day that I prepare My own possession, and I will spare them as a man spares his own son who serves him."
- 18 So you will again distinguish between the righteous and the wicked, between one who serves God and one who does not serve Him.

### **I. TWO GROUPS OF PEOPLE ADDRESSED**

#### **A. First Group**

- 1. Rebellious
- 2. Spoke harshly about God

#### **B. Second Group**

- 1. Feared the Lord
- 2. Reverenced His Name

### **II. GOD'S OBSERVANCE OF MAN'S CONVERSATION**

#### **A. Men Were Talking To One Another**

#### **B. First Group Said**

- 1. It is pointless to serve God
- 2. It is more profitable for the wicked

#### **C. Second Group Said**

- 1. Evidenced of fear of God
- 2. They revered His Name

### **III. CONTRASTING THE TWO GROUPS**

#### **A. First Group Addressed**

- 1. Spoke treason against the King *Psalms 73:2-8, 11-12, 17-19, 26-28*
- 2. They are given a warning
- 3. God is the witness against them *Matthew 12:35*

#### **B. Second Group Addressed**

- 1. They had a reverence for God
- 2. They spoke to one another of His glory
- 3. They found their joy in serving the Lord
- 4. The Lord records conversations that honor Him