

MALACHI 4; July 20; The Prophesied Elijah Has Come

ANALYSIS:

1. What kind of day was coming for the proud and wicked of Israel? _____
2. But who would arise with healing in his wings for those who feared the name of the LORD? _____
3. What were the people of God exhorted to remember so as to please the LORD? _____
4. Who was going to come before the great and dreadful day of the LORD? _____
5. What does Malachi tell us is the purpose for Elijah's coming to Israel? _____

THINGS TO THINK ABOUT:

The coming of the Messiah, the Lord Jesus Christ, is here prophesied as the coming of the Sun of righteousness who would arise with healing in his wings. What kind of healing did Jesus Christ bring? "Surely he hath borne our griefs, and carried our sorrows:" (Isa 53:4). "And Jesus went...healing every sickness and every disease among the people." (Matt 9:35). "Come unto me, all ye that labor and are heavy laden, and I will give you rest." (Matt 11:28). "and the LORD hath laid on him the iniquity of us all." (Isa 53:6). "For he hath made him to be sin for us, who knew no sin; that we might be made the righteousness of God in him." (II Cor 5:21). "And, having made peace through the blood of his cross, by him to reconcile all things unto himself." (Col 1:20). Praise the LORD!

Do you know who Elijah the prophet is who would come before that great and dreadful day of the LORD? This is the prophecy of the coming of John the Baptist who came in the power and spirit of Elijah. (Luke 1:17; Matt 11:12-14). We are not waiting for a future coming of the prophet Elijah. Remember these references so as to have an answer for others of the hope that we have in the gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ. Malachi chapter 4 has been fulfilled in the ministries of John the Baptist and the Lord Jesus Christ during the first century.

HELP:

1. A day that would burn with judgment; a day that would burn up the proud and the wicked as stubble (v 1).
2. The Sun of righteousness (v 2).
3. The law of Moses which contained all the statutes and judgments from the LORD (v 4).
4. Elijah the prophet (v 5).
5. Elijah would turn the hearts of the fathers to the children and the hearts of the children to the fathers (v 6).