

THE GOD OF THUNDER AND SUNSHINE



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God's final Day of Judgment is certain,
and it's certainly something to prepare for.

Three Facts about God's Judgment Day ("Day of the Lord"):

1. It is _____ (1a).
"Surely the day is coming. . ."
2. It will be _____ for the arrogant/ungodly (1b).
. . . "it will burn like a furnace. All the arrogant and every evildoer will be stubble, and that day that is coming will set them on fire," says the LORD Almighty. "Not a root or a branch will be left to them."
3. It will be _____ for the humble/godly (2-3).
² But for you who revere my name, the sun of righteousness will rise with healing in its wings. And you will go out and leap like calves released from the stall.

Note: Malachi 4:1-3 is part of a speech that goes from 3:13-4:3.

Malachi 3:13-18

If you choose to honor and serve God,
He will choose to value and spare you.

Two views about the value of serving God:

1. View of the Arrogant (13-15)
 - a. It is useless to serve the Lord (14).
 - b. God doesn't "do anything" when people disobey, so the ungodly are just as well off as those who do right (15).
2. View of the God-fearers (16)
 - a. God is to be feared (16a).
 - b. God is to be honored (16b).

God's Response:

1. God treasures his own (17a).
2. God compassionately spares his own (17b).
3. God distinguishes between the righteous and wicked in judgment (18).

My personal application of the truth of Scripture. . .