

How to Make the Fake Into the Amazing!

Malachi 3

“Look! I am sending my messenger, and he will prepare the way before me. Then the Lord you are seeking will suddenly come to his Temple. The messenger of the covenant, whom you look for so eagerly, is surely coming,” says the LORD of Heaven’s Armies.

²“But who will be able to endure it when he comes? Who will be able to stand and face him when he appears? For he will be like a blazing fire that refines metal, or like a strong soap that bleaches clothes.

³He will sit like a refiner of silver, burning away the dross. He will purify the Levites, refining them like gold and silver, so that they may once again offer acceptable sacrifices to the LORD. ⁴Then once more the LORD will accept the offerings brought to him by the people of Judah and Jerusalem, as he did in the past.

Malachi 3:1-4

What makes our offerings acceptable? Amount? Sacrifice? NO the _____ makes it Acceptable!

There is way too much fakery in churches today like the worshippers in Malachi’s day!

*²³But the time is coming—indeed it’s here now—when true worshipers will worship the Father **in spirit and in truth**. The Father is looking for those who will worship him that way. John 4:23*

*⁹The eyes of the LORD search the whole earth in order to strengthen those **whose hearts are fully committed to him**. 2 Chronicles 16:9*

4 Steps to Becoming a AMAZING, SUPERNATURAL Believer!!

STEP 1 You Must Receive the _____ of God! (1)

*Look! I am sending my messenger [John Baptist], and he will prepare the way before me [Jesus]. Then the Lord you are seeking will suddenly come to **his Temple**. (1a)*

In the OT God had a Temple for His people, in the NT God has a People for His Temple!

¹⁹Don’t you realize that your body is the temple of the Holy Spirit, who lives in you and was given to you by God? I Corinthians 6:19

The messenger of the covenant [Jesus] , whom you look for so eagerly, is surely coming,” says the LORD of Heaven’s Armies. (1b) Malachi 3:1

*³¹“The day is coming,” says the LORD, “when I will make a **new covenant** with the people of Israel and Judah”..... ³³“But this is **the new covenant** I will make with the people of Israel after those days,” says the LORD. “I will put my instructions deep within them, and I will write them on their hearts. I will be their God, and they will be my people..... ³⁴“And I will forgive their wickedness, and I will never again remember their sins.” Jeremiah 31,33-34*

Do You have a Desire to serve and please God? Do you have a personal, intimate knowledge of God?

STEP 2 You Must Recognize the _____ of God! (2, 3)

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God’s Goal is TO Make US Pure, Holy!

⁹For God knew His people in advance, and He chose them to become like His Son, Romans 8
See also Psalm 66:10, Zech. 13:9, Job 23:10

STEP 3 You Must Rest in the _____ of God! (3)

³He will sit like a refiner of silver.....

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| 1. Ore is extracted out of the earth | 2. Ore has to be crushed, broken |
| 3. Ore is put into the furnace | 4. Ore is finally purified |

Sits there as the Sovereign Sits there as the Sympathetic Savior Sits there as Steadfast

STEP 4 You Must Reflect _____ OF GOD (4)

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How does a refiner know when the silver is pure? When He can see _____ !

¹⁷“They will be my people,” says the LORD of Heaven’s Armies. “On the day when I act in judgment, they will be my own special treasure. Malachi 3:17