

## **Malachi 2:17-3:12**

i) What was the situation? (Malachi 2:17)

The people of Judah in Malachi's day have misjudged the Lord when they see evildoers prospering and getting away with it.

Man's own unfaithfulness distorts his view of God and has "wearied" with his words

- They accused God of turning a blind eye to wicked acts of evildoers
- Cynically questioned God "Where is the God of justice?"

ii) How did God respond to their complaint & false claim (Malachi 3:1-5)

- God will set things right with His appointed Messiah
- He will purify, refine and judge

iii) What can we understand about God's character? (Malachi 3:6-12)

- God is unchanging – faithful to His covenant with Israel
- God's justice demands repentance
- God is merciful to restore