



DAILY DEVOTIONS



What does this passage say?



What did this passage mean to its original audience?



What does this passage tell us about God?



What does this passage tell us about man?



What does this passage demand of me?



How does this passage change the way I relate to people?



How does this passage prompt me to pray?

ROMANS 3:20-26

We know we ought to be selfless, truthful, respectful, humble, and much more. Obviously, we all (and fall short of the glory of God. We're guilty, but that's not the end. Jesus, perfectly fulfilled God's law, paid the penalty for our sin and offered us forgiveness. We shouldn't let our guilt crush us; rather, it should guide us to the Godless One to receive forgiveness. Guilt is replaced with grace through faith in Jesus.

IS THERE ANY CHANCE THAT SOMEONE COULD BECOME RIGHTEOUS IN GOD'S SIGHT THROUGH ATTEMPTING TO OBEY ALL GOD'S LAWS? WHY OR WHY NOT?

WHY IS JESUS ABLE TO MAKE US RIGHTEOUS IN GOD'S SIGHT?

Really, thank God for His free gift of grace in Jesus Christ. Ask God to help you walk in His righteousness today by grace through faith.

DAY 02

MALACHI 3:7-12

HOW DOES TRUSTING IN JESUS
ENABLE US TO OBEY GOD'S WILL?

WHERE DO YOU NEED THE
EMPOWERMENT OF GOD'S SPIRIT TO
OBEY HIS WILL RIGHT NOW?

If God's will is to be obeyed, it is a matter of the heart. God's will is to be obeyed, not just in the letter, but in the spirit. It is a matter of the heart, and it is a matter of the will. We can only obey God's will if we have a heart that is willing to obey. We can only obey God's will if we have a will that is strong enough to resist the flesh. We can only obey God's will if we have a heart that is open to the Holy Spirit. We can only obey God's will if we have a will that is strong enough to resist the flesh. We can only obey God's will if we have a heart that is open to the Holy Spirit. We can only obey God's will if we have a will that is strong enough to resist the flesh.

Pray: Ask God's Holy Spirit to show you any unconfessed sin in your life. Confess each sin He showed you and ask for God's loving forgiveness.

DAY 03

MALACHI 3:13-15

Most of the people Malachi wrote to ignored the shame of their sin. King David sinned, and his sin produced shame; his sin made him feel off in his soul. With God's help, David confessed his sin, received God's forgiveness, and returned to a life of joy with God (see Ps. 32:1-5). The Holy Spirit doesn't bring conviction of sin to prosecute us but to purify us. He draws us to repentance so we can experience restored fellowship with God.

MALACHI'S AUDIENCE AND DAVID WERE CONFRONTED WITH SIN. WHAT DIFFERENCES DO YOU SEE IN THE RESPONSES OF MALACHI'S AUDIENCE AND DAVID?

WHAT SIN MIGHT THE HOLY SPIRIT BE CONVICTING YOU OF?

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MALACHI 3:13-15

HOW MIGHT IT SOMETIMES SEEM LIKE PEOPLE WHO DON'T KNOW THE LORD ARE HAVING THE BEST TIME IN THEIR SIN?

WHY IS IT BETTER TO SORROW OVER SIN THAN TO SIN WITHOUT SORROW?

Instead of feeling sorry for what they are doing and repenting, God's people deny the Lord and wicked people say, "We are safe because we are rich and we are doing well." They are so busy with their sins that they do not realize that the Lord is coming to judge them. They are so busy with their sins that they do not realize that the Lord is coming to judge them. They are so busy with their sins that they do not realize that the Lord is coming to judge them.

Prayer: Ask the Lord to help you to repent and to walk in His ways today.

MALACHI 3:16-18

The fear of the Lord is a rich treasure and respect for who God is and what He does. Those who fear God experience His compassion. Compassion means God's wrath is spared and God's wealth is shared. The wicked are separated from God while the righteous get to stay with Him. The wicked remove themselves from God's redemptive story while the righteous are remembered. Those who choose to repent take God's riches while those who refuse to repent are separated from Him.

WHAT KINDS OF THINGS DOES GOD FREELY SHARE WITH THOSE WHO REPENT AND TRUST IN JESUS?

WHY IS LIVING IN THE FEAR OF GOD A GOOD THING?

Prayer: Ask the Lord to help you to fear Him and walk in His ways today.