

## “Who Cares? - God”

“Justice Matters”

“Where is the God of Justice?”(NIV) Malachi 2:17b

### The BIG Idea:

God promises His faithful presence amidst  
the presence of unfaithful hearts.

## A. Where is the God of justice in this unjust world?

### Additional Notes:

## B. A promise of His presence

“I will send my messenger, who will prepare the way before me. Then suddenly the Lord you are seeking will come to his temple; the messenger of the covenant, whom you desire, will come”, says the Lord Almighty” Malachi 3:1a (NIV)

### 1. John the Baptist (The preparer or announcer)

“This is he who was spoken of through the prophet Isaiah: ‘A voice of the one calling in the wilderness, ‘prepare the way for the Lord, make straight paths for him.’” Matthew 3:3 (NIV)

### 2. Jesus (The final answer)

“This is how the birth of Jesus the Messiah came about...” Matthew 1:18 (NIV)

### Additional Notes:

## C. A promise of a purified people (first coming)

“He will sit as a refiner and purifier of silver; he will purify the Levites and refine them like gold and silver.” Malachi 3:3a  
“He saved us through the washing of rebirth and renewal by the Holy Spirit, Whom He poured out on us generously through Jesus Christ our Savior, so that having been justified by His grace, we might become heirs having the hope of eternal life.” Titus 3:5b-7 (NIV)

### Additional Notes:

## D. A promise of a judged people (second coming)

“Yes, I’m on my way to visit you with Judgment. I’ll present compelling evidence against sorcerers, adulterers, liars, those who exploit workers, those who take advantage of widows and orphans, those who are inhospitable to the homeless—anyone and everyone who doesn’t honor me.” Malachi 3:5a (MSG)

### Additional Notes:

## E. Our response to the promises

### 1. Preparedness: Do not fear

“...do not fear me,’ says the Lord Almighty. ‘I the Lord do not change. So, you descendants of Jacob, are not destroyed.’” Malachi 3:5b-6 (NIV)

“Those who consider themselves religious and yet do not keep a tight rein of their tongues deceive themselves, and their religion is worthless. Religion that God our Father accepts as pure and faultless is this: to look after the orphans and widows in their distress and to keep oneself from being polluted by the world.” James 1:26-27 (NIV)

### 2. Perseverance

“Let us hold, unswervingly to the hope we profess, for He who promised is faithful. And let us consider how we may spur one another on toward love and good deeds, not giving up meeting together, as some are in the habit of doing, but encouraging one another—and all the more as you see the Day approaching.” Hebrews 10:24-25 (NIV)

### 3. Prayer (Psalm 13 and Psalm 73)

“...if my people, who are called by my name, will humble themselves and pray and seek my face and turn from their wicked ways, then I will hear from heaven, and I will forgive their sin and will heal their land.” 2 Chronicles 7:14 (NIV)

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