They Will Bring Offerings In Righteousness To The LORD

[Malachi 3-4](https://www.biblegateway.com/passage/?search=mal%203-4&version=ESV)   
Key Verse 3:3 “He will sit as a refiner and purifier of silver, and He will purify the sons of Levi and refine them like gold and silver, and they will bring offerings in righteousness to the LORD.”

1. Look at verse 3:1. Who is the messenger that the LORD says: “will prepare the way before me”?(4:5-6 & [Mt 11:12-14](https://www.biblegateway.com/passage/?search=mt%2011%3A12-14&version=ESV)) Who is the LORD that will suddenly come to his temple([Jn 2:13-16](https://www.biblegateway.com/passage/?search=John%202%3A13-16&version=ESV)), and who is the messenger of the covenant that will come?([Lk 22:19-20](https://www.biblegateway.com/passage/?search=Luke%2022%3A19-20&version=ESV))
2. Look at verses 3:2-5. What will the day of the LORD’s coming look like?(3:2) What will happen on the day to the sons of Levi, what will happen to those who do not fear God? (3:3-5) How will the LORD change the people’s offerings?(3:3-4)
3. Look at verses 3:6-12. In what way did the people of Israel turn away from the LORD?(3:8) In what way were the people robbing God?(3:10) What does God promise to do if the people bring the “full” tithe?(3:10-12)
4. Look at verses 3:13-18. How did the people speak against the LORD?(3:14-15) What did the people that feared the LORD do in contrast?(3:16-17) What did the LORD do to those who feared the LORD?(3:16)
5. Look at verses 4:1-6. What is the day that is coming?(4:1-3) What will happen to the arrogant and the evildoer on the day of the LORD? What will happen to those who fear His name? What are we to “remember”?(4:4) Why? Why is ‘Elijah’ being sent before the day of the LORD comes?(4:6)
6. Application: How can we prepare ourselves for the day of LORD based on today’s passage?

[Matthew 11:12-14](https://www.biblegateway.com/passage/?search=mt%2011%3A12-14&version=ESV) **12** From the days of John the Baptist until now the kingdom of heaven has suffered violence, and the violent take it by force. **13** For all the Prophets and the Law prophesied until John,   
**14** and if you are willing to accept it, he is Elijah who is to come.

[John 2:13-16](https://www.biblegateway.com/passage/?search=John%202%3A13-16&version=ESV)  
**13** The Passover of the Jews was at hand, and Jesus went up to Jerusalem. **14** In the temple he found those who were selling oxen and sheep and pigeons, and the money-changers sitting there. **15** And making a whip of cords, he drove them all out of the temple, with the sheep and oxen. And he poured out the coins of the money-changers and overturned their tables. **16** And he told those who sold the pigeons, “Take these things away; do not make my Father's house a house of trade.”

[Luke 22:19-20](https://www.biblegateway.com/passage/?search=Luke%2022%3A19-20&version=ESV) **19** And he took bread, and when he had given thanks, he broke it and gave it to them, saying, “This is my body, which is given for you. Do this in remembrance of me.” **20** And likewise the cup after they had eaten, saying, “This cup that is poured out for you is the new covenant in my blood.