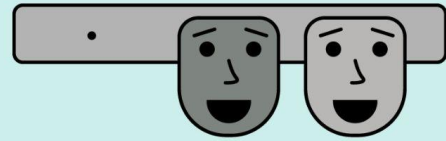


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ANNOUNCEMENTS

- **Discipleship Workshop** on Friday, May 14th at 7pm. This is for anyone! We are all disciples, whether new believers or long-time believers and this content will challenge us all on what it means to be a disciple and how that should play out in our lives.

We will discuss how our lives should be marked by the *joy* we find as being disciples and the *kingdom work* or *missional work* we engage in as disciples. Find more info and register at <https://northview.org/upcoming/> or email us at discipleship@northview.org

- **Children's Services!** On May 8th, they began children's services at our Downes Road campus during our outdoor gatherings. Currently, not all of our services have a children's service available as more volunteers are still needed. Find out more at northview.org

PRAYER REQUESTS

MISSIONARY OF THE WEEK:

Abhijit and Mita Nayak *servicing in South Asia.*

Pray as they continue to engage, train and equip indigenous workers in South Asia to plant churches and disciple people in the context of hostilities and persecution.

Pray for God's protection and his provision.

Caleb and Raquel Enns *servicing in our church planter residency as they prepare to church plant in Thailand.*

MINISTRY OF THE WEEK:

Care

Pray that God would meet people in their anxiety and depression, that people would be motivated to find help; that people would experience the peace of God in this anxiety and depression-inducing environment.

Pray for stamina and perseverance and wisdom for the Care Team (Pastor Thaleia, Pastor Jayeson, and Diana) as they walk alongside our congregation and community.

LOOK

Read Malachi 2:17-3:5

1. What stands out to you from the passage?
2. What do you remember from the sermon?
3. What did you learn from this passage?

Sermon Point Refresher

- We think God's judgement should be focused on "them"
- God's judgement serves a purifying purpose
- God's judgement is hardest on hypocrites

LEARN

Read Mal. 2:17-3:2

1. Why was Israel upset in this passage? What was their situation that brought about this warning?
They were doing 'religious' stuff, but God was not answering their prayers and judging their enemies.
2. Recalling past passages, what were the things that Israel was doing that were wrong?
They were offering bad sacrifices, and were dishonouring God's name and reputation by doing so.

Do you find it surprising that this is the situation that they have found themselves in? (God ignoring their prayers, and instead judging them). Why or why not?

3. What did God tell Israel to anticipate? Who would he be sending?
He was going to send a "messenger who will prepare the way before" him (this was to be John the Baptist).

What was the warning given to Israel? When God and his messenger arrived, would Israel get what they were expecting?
God was going to judge all wicked people, which included Israel themselves.

Read Mal. 3:2-4

4. Based on who has been most strongly criticized up to this point in Malachi, who should be expecting to receive God's judgement when he came?

The Levites were frequently in view in the first two chapters, because they had been appointed as spiritual leaders for the people, and had led them astray.

Does this mean that, if we aren't formal spiritual leaders, we don't have to worry? Why or why not?

Read Mal. 3:5

5. Who were those that this passage tells to expect judgement when God comes?
Sorcerers, adulterers, perjurers, those who oppress the poor for their own benefit.

How do we respond to not receiving judgement in the present? How should we respond?
God's patience should draw us to appreciate all the more the grace we have been extended. Rather than being slower to repent because of the perceived delay, it should motivate obedience out of our love for God.

LIVE

According to Malachi 2:17-3:5, those who ask God for judgement on their enemies should self-examine.

- Are there things we ask God to change in other people that we should be asking him to change in us as well?
- How can you be careful to use your influence/spiritual authority well in your relationships?
- What should we repent of in light of God's patience and enduring love?