

Distorted Reality #5

We are Faithful

Word

Scripture Reference

Malachi 3:13-4:3

Discussion Questions

1. Give an example of everyday things you have been faithfully doing for many years. What motivates you to be faithful in what you do?
2. Malachi 3:13-4:3 recounts how the Israelites in their distorted reality have gone too far and were now blaspheming against God. With an arrogant attitude, they claimed that they no longer needed to be faithful to God because God was not blessing them. They thought that there is no use in being faithful to God since even the unrighteous were being blessed. Have you ever thought like these Israelites and asked, “What good does it do for me to serve God?” “What benefit can I get from serving Him?” What do these kinds of questions tell you about your faith? Instead of asking God about how serving Him benefits you, what should you be asking Him to show your faithfulness to Him?
3. Christians are like sports referees; they should not make biased calls but must follow the rules set by the “heavenly commissioner,” even if it’s not popular with the crowd. As a Christian, you are answerable to God and must follow Him regardless of what others will say. What are some things that you tend to compromise for fear of being criticized by others? How can you keep yourself from this dilemma?
4. God has given three promises to those who live faithfully as His righteous people. First, God promised that He will remember everything you’ve done for Him. There is a book of remembrance being written in heaven for those who fear and honor Him (v. 16). What acts have you done for God that may be placed in the eternal

records? How does this encourage you in living faithfully for Him?

5. The second promise is that God will distinguish between the righteous and the wicked. God loves you so much that He will not allow the righteous to be mixed in with the wicked (v. 17-18). What does this tell to you about the seemingly successful lives of unrighteous people around you? What does it tell you about God’s fairness and justice?
6. How should you view people who serve faithfully in little ways? Name some things you sometimes take for granted but which God honors when you do them faithfully and humbly?
7. God’s third promise to the faithful is that He will bless the righteous and punish the wicked (4:1-3). The day will come when God’s anger will burn like an oven and sin will be trampled upon. God says in verse 4:2 that the Sun of Righteousness will bring healing warmth to those who love and obey Him. How does this encourage you?

Walk

What is your motivation in serving God faithfully? Do you simply serve Him because of the promised blessings, or is it because He is the God who deserves to be faithfully served?

Worship & Prayer

Join the Corporate Prayer Time every Friday, 7:15-8:00pm at the Balcony

Pray for...

- GCCP people to be found faithful in their life, worship and service.
- Wisdom and strength for the church leaders, ministers and staff.
- Wisdom for the ongoing preparations for Christmas Eve Candlelight Chorale and Junior Church Bible Camp.
- Healing for Mrs. Cheng, Judy, George, Robert, Hillary, Mr. Ang, AY and PT.
- Provision for needs of growing church.
- Christians to share the true meaning of Christmas instead of materialism.