

Distorted Reality #6
We Will Remember

Word

Scripture Reference

Malachi 4:4-6

Discussion Questions

1. What tradition has your family been observing every Christmas? What is this tradition's impact on you, personally?
2. Malachi 4:4-6 tells us that the Israelites were living in a distorted reality that they remember the teachings of Moses, when they actually have forgotten them. What makes you forget the good values, culture and teachings that your parents have passed on to you? How can you remember them so that you can in turn pass them to your children and to the future generation?
3. The Scripture is full of teachings, truths and values that are good for you and the best way to remember them is to live them out. Cite some examples of God's truth in the Bible and discuss with the group how you could live out those truths.
4. The promise of the Messiah was given many times by different prophets in the Old Testament, including Elijah, Malachi, and others. Today, believers look back and celebrate that the promised Messiah indeed had come. What a great assurance of a fulfilled prophecy! How do you see Christmas? Is it just about pageantry—gift giving, parties and decorations? What does Christmas mean to you? How does Christmas give you hope in this depressing and sinful world?
5. When we think of Christmas, we should also remember Jesus Christ's promise to come back. What does His return mean to you? As a child of God, how should you prepare for Jesus' second coming? Does your life reflect the kind of life you want Jesus to see upon His

return?

6. Malachi concluded his message by pointing to the final Day of Judgment (verse 6). Does the coming Judgment Day scare you? Describe the kind of day it will be for those who are committed to the Lord?
7. Christ's imminent return should not come as a surprise to us, because He has been warning us about it unceasingly. And since we are well-informed, we should live in anticipation of His return. As a believer and a follower of Jesus Christ, how are you anticipating the Lord's coming? Are you desiring and striving to live a transformed life for Him? As you celebrate Christmas, think about how you could give yourself to the One who came to the world to save you from your sin. What does it mean to you?

Walk

"For unto us a Child is born, Unto us a Son is given; And the government will be upon His shoulder. And His name will be called Wonderful, Counselor, Mighty God, Everlasting Father, Prince of Peace." (Isaiah 9:6)

Ponder on this verse and thank God for His great love for you, that He sent His Son Jesus Christ to be born on earth and to suffer for you. Count the blessings you received in 2013 as you celebrate Christmas and focus on Him who is the source of all blessings.

Worship & Prayer

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

Pray for...

- Praise and thanksgiving for God's love and goodness throughout the year.
- Christmas Eve Candlelight Service to highlight God's unconditional love for us by sending His Son to save us.
- Fruitful Junior Church Bible Camp.
- Healing grace for Mrs. Betty, Judy, LY, ABD, MY, Jazmin 姐. Peace of mind and rest for Mariano 兄.
- J. Y. Tan's recovery from car accident
- Help for all the weary Christians who are undergoing severe trials and troubles.