

## The River Church

### 50/50 Bible Study Challenge - Week 7

#### Malachi Chapter 3

##### Memory Verse:

*Malachi 3:3 (NASB95): 3 “He will sit as a smelter and purifier of silver, and He will purify the sons of Levi and refine them like gold and silver, so that they may present to the Lord offerings in righteousness.*

##### Talking Points:

**I think you have to read chapter 1 verse 6 of Malachi to get the right feeling for the entire book.**

Malachi 1:6 (NASB95): A son honors his father, and a servant his master. Then if I am a father, where is My honor? And if I am a master, where is My respect?’ says the Lord of hosts

##### Talking Points:

-Who do you think Malachi was prophesying about in verse 1?

After reading verse 2 and 3

-What condition would you say that Israel was in?

-In this day, age and covenant, does God still bring us into the refiner’s fire?

-What has that looked like in your life?

-What Is Gods intention with the refiner’s fire?

-What is the difference between the refiner’s fire and an attack from the enemy?

-In verse 5 there are 5 different types of people that He promises to judge swiftly. Who are they?

-What does that say about God's interests and character?

-Verse 8 and 9 there is a cause and effect. What is it?

-Is this an "Old Testament or old covenant doctrine"? Or does the same apply today? Why?

-Verse 10-12 has a command and two promises.

-Does obeying the command outweigh the promises?

-Why is this so important to God?

-Did he ask them to give without receiving from Him?

-What is the wrong that God tells Israel they have done in verse 13-15?

-Do we do the same in this day and age?

-What are your thoughts and feelings after reading Chapter 3?