



MALACHI
“Refiner’s Fire”
August 22, 2010
Malachi 2:17-3:6 (ESV)
LG Study

QUICK REVIEW

God uses the furnace of affliction for refinement, never for destruction.

MY STORY

1. If Jesus were to show up personally and unannounced at your home today, what would most embarrass or shame you?
2. Does God’s purifying work scare you or excite you? Why?

DIGGING DEEPER

1. How does the image of the refiner’s fire and the fuller’s soap affect you, and what do they say to you about being cleansed from sin?
2. Look up each passage and discuss what kind of refinement God brings through the furnace of affliction. What does God seek to burn away? What is he seeking to produce in us?

- 2 Corinthians 1:8-11

- Deuteronomy 8:1-2

- Hebrews 12:7-11

- 2 Corinthians 12:7

- Romans 5:3-4

3. Who are “the messenger” and “the messenger of the covenant” in 3:1? How is the “the messenger of the covenant” like a refiner’s fire and like fullers’ soap?

TAKING IT HOME

1. As Pastor Michael shared during his message last Sunday, God’s purifying work in our lives is never for our destruction but always for our refinement. Spend some time in prayer seeking God to show you an area of your life which you need to submit to God for refinement. Share your reflection with your group.
2. Prayer & Sharing Devotional:
Please spend the remaining time in sharing your Life Journal (devotional) and praying for one another—especially in regards to the area(s) in each other’s life that needs God’s refining work.



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