

Malachi 2:17–3:12

Introduction: 'Fullness of joy' & 'pleasures forevermore'

1. A tiresome attitude, 2:17

2. An unsettling answer, 3:1–5

Who is coming?	What will they do?	NT Fulfilment
My messenger (v1)	Prepare the way (v1)	John the Baptist (Mark 1:2; Matt 11:10)
Me / the Lord / the messenger of the covenant (v1)	Purification (vv.'s 2b-4) & Judgement (vv.'s 5-6)	* Jesus purifies (Heb 9:14; Titus 2:14; 3:5) & * Jesus will judge (Matt 25:31-36)

3. A gracious appeal, 3:6–12

a) Tithes (see Deut 14:23)

b) Present & future blessing (see Eph 1:3; 2 Cor 9:6–15)

Conclusion: Return to me