(Malachi 3/4)

[1] “Behold, I send my messenger, and he will prepare
the way before me! The Lord, whom you seek,
will suddenly come to his temple. Behold,
the messenger of the covenant, whom you desire,
is coming!” says Yahweh of Armies.
[2] “But who can endure the day of his coming?
And who will stand when he appears? For he is like
a refiner’s fire, and like launderers’ soap;
[3] and he will sit as a refiner and purifier of silver,
and he will purify the sons of Levi, and refine them
as gold and silver; and they shall offer to Yahweh
offerings in righteousness.
[4] Then the offering of Judah and Jerusalem will be
pleasant to Yahweh as in the days of old and as
in ancient years.
[5] I will come near to you to judgment. I will be a swift
witness against the sorcerers, against the adulterers,
against the perjurers, and against those who oppress
the hireling in his wages, the widow, and the
fatherless, and who deprive the foreigner of justice,
and don’t fear me,” says Yahweh of Armies.
[6] “For I, Yahweh, don’t change; therefore you,
sons of Jacob, are not consumed.
[7] From the days of your fathers you have turned
away from my ordinances and have not kept them.
Return to me, and I will return to you,” says Yahweh
of Armies. “But you say, ‘How shall we return?’

[8] Will a man rob God? Yet you rob me! But you say,
‘How have we robbed you?’ In tithes and offerings.
[9] You are cursed with the curse; for you rob me,
even this whole nation.
[10] Bring the whole tithe into the storehouse,
that there may be food in my house, and test me now
in this,” says Yahweh of Armies, “if I will not open you
the windows of heaven, and pour you out a blessing,
that there will not be enough room for.
[11] I will rebuke the devourer for your sakes, and he
shall not destroy the fruits of your ground; neither
shall your vine cast its fruit before its time in
the field,” says Yahweh of Armies.
[12] “All nations shall call you blessed, for you will be
a delightful land,” says Yahweh of Armies.
[13] “Your words have been harsh against me,”
says Yahweh. “Yet you say, ‘What have we spoken
against you?’
[14] You have said, ‘It is vain to serve God,’ and ‘What
profit is it that we have followed his instructions
and that we have walked mournfully before Yahweh
of Armies?
[15] Now we call the proud happy; yes, those who
work wickedness are built up; yes, they tempt God,
and escape.’
[16] Then those who feared Yahweh spoke one with
another; and Yahweh listened and heard, and a book
of memory was written before him for those who
feared Yahweh and who honored his name.

[17] They shall be mine," says Yahweh of Armies,
"my own possession in the day that I make.
I will spare them, as a man spares his own son who
serves him.
[18] Then you shall return and discern between
the righteous and the wicked, between him who
serves God and him who doesn't serve him.
[1] "For behold, the day comes, burning like a furnace,
when all the proud and all who work wickedness will
be stubble. The day that comes will burn them up,"
says Yahweh of Armies, "so that it will leave them
neither root nor branch.
[2] But to you who fear my name shall the sun
of righteousness arise with healing in its wings.
You will go out and leap like calves of the stall.
[3] You shall tread down the wicked; for they will be
ashes under the soles of your feet in the day that
I make," says Yahweh of Armies.
[4] "Remember the law of Moses my servant,
which I commanded to him in Horeb for all Israel,
even statutes and ordinances.
[5] Behold, I will send you Elijah the prophet before
the great and terrible day of Yahweh comes.
[6] He will turn the hearts of the fathers to the children
and the hearts of the children to their fathers,
lest I come and strike the earth with a curse."

Word of the Lord!