

SATURDAY/SUNDAY AUGUST 21 & 22

THOSE WHO FEAR GOD

Malachi 4:2

For those who choose to fear God, the promises abound throughout His Word. It is a place we should seek out and desire to be one of those who fall into that category.

Malachi paints quite a contrasting picture of those who do and do not fear God. The outcome of those who are in either category should make the choice quite obvious to us. However, for those who are rebellious and stubborn of heart may refuse to even listen. For those who are proud and arrogant and continue to commit wickedness, the Word declares a day is coming burning like a furnace. It doesn't take much to understand that means if something is burning like a furnace there will be fire and great heat. Such individuals will become stubble. What is stubble? It is the stumps of various grains (such as wheat or barley) left in the ground; the part of the stalk left by the scythe or sickle. It will be the coming of that day when the stubble will be burned up and that heat and fire will not leave a branch or root.

On the opposite side are those who fear God...those who love, obey and are devoted to Him. The Sun of Righteousness (who is Jesus) will arise...the One Who has healing in His wings. The word for healing in this verse speaks of health or restoration. God's people, (those who fear Him) will be restored and renewed because of the power and work of Christ, the Son of righteousness.

God has given each of us free moral choice and our eternal destiny is before us to make that choice. "Who is the man who fears the Lord? He will show him the way he should choose." (Psalm 25:12 HCSB) May we choose wisely!