

“The Furnace of Renewal: Malachi”
S.O.A.P. Bible Study
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S=Scripture: Malachi 4:1-3

O=Observation: After carefully reading this text, answer the following questions: Compare these verses with Matthew 3:12. What do you notice? Also, compare this text with Malachi 3:2-3. What is the purpose of judgment and fire? Who is the “sun of righteousness” in verse 2? Look up Luke 1:78-79. What does that tell you about the metaphor of “sun” that is used here? Where does reference to God’s name appear in this text? How are people to treat his name and reputation?

A=Application: Do you understand the severity of God? Is judgment consistent with God’s love? Why or why not? What step does God expect of you with regard to taking his judgment seriously?

P=Prayer: Write out a prayer based on your meditation on this passage: