

When God Shows Up Malachi 3:1-6

Introduction – When God steps into the scene, nothing remains the same.

I. Arrival announcement – v. 1

- A messenger goes before to remove all obstacles to the King's arrival.
- Israel's main barrier: unbelief; Matthew 3:1-2 ; John the Baptist
- Jesus coming suddenly – 1 Thessalonians 5:2; 2 Peter 3:10

II. The effect upon Levi – vv. 2-3

- Who can stand? Not the priests!
- His coming is a call to repentance - 2 Peter 3:11, 14
- Priest experience purifying judgment first
- Their offerings revealed their heart

III. The effect upon Judah; Jerusalem – v. 4

- Millennium: pure hearts and pleasing sacrifices
- As in Moses and David's days

IV The effect upon God – vv. 5-6

- He will judge as a swift witness against:
 - Sorcerers; heathen wives
 - Adulterers
 - False 'swearers'; witnesses
 - Oppressors of the helpless

Conclusion – v. 6... I will not forget my promise to you; this is their only salvation.