

WOG (VI): Healing in His Light

Malachi 4:2-3 But for you who fear His name, the sun of righteousness shall rise with healing in its wings. You shall go out leaping like calves from the stall. And you shall tread down the wicked, for they will be ashes under the soles of your feet, on the day when I act, says the LORD of hosts.

I. The sun of righteousness will come to those who wait on Him, to those who fear the name of the Lord. (Malachi 4:2)

1. *“But for you who fear His”*

- ◆ A person who truly fears God is not only in appearance and form, but also in his heart and soul, often bowing down before God, even in busy days and stressful situations.
- ◆ Sometimes we can't wait for God in peace because we don't fear Him enough and think that waiting for Him is too slow and it's faster to solve the problem ourselves. But when we are really willing to fear God, wait before the Lord, and rest, we find that God comes and does it for us, and does it so well.
- ◆ If we cannot be quiet and wait for the Lord, we should pray to God, “Lord! Forgive me for being such a man who does not know how to fear you. Lord! Give me the fear of You.”
- ◆ **The fear of God is very important for a person to walk this heavenly path. It is not just attending meetings, or serving and giving, but having a heart that fears God in our private lives, which is invisible to people, that determines how much we can experience God's salvation and know Him.** That is why Proverbs says, *“The fear of the LORD is the beginning of wisdom”* (Proverbs 9:10) In reverent fear, you will start to have the wisdom to know God.

2. *“The sun of righteousness”*

- ◆ The sun of righteousness is the “presence of God.” When we wait on God, the presence of God will surely appear.
- ◆ At the beginning, when the sun appears, you don't feel the heat, and it is the same when you wait for God. But the longer you stay under the sun of righteousness, the more you will feel the heat, until you sweat, and then you will feel the power and strength. So we should not just wait for two or three minutes, and then leave when the sun of righteousness appears, but we should continue to bask under the sun of righteousness for as long as possible.

II. What kind of changes will be brought about by the *“The sun of righteousness”*?

1. *“with healing in its wings”* (Malachi 4:2)

(1) Healing the body

- ◆ You don't need a God's vessel to lay hands on you. The light of His presence can heal you if you know how to fear Him, often with awe and adoration, and wait in His presence.
- ◆ Some very gifted people can minister very powerfully: healing, prophesying, etc., but when they are physically ill, they panic. So the gift is one thing, and the life in us is another. When we fear Him, love Him, and spend time close to Him, the faith that comes from trusting and connecting with God over time is real life.
- ◆ Waiting on God enables a person to rely on Him steadfastly and unchangingly.

Waiting for God is not pursuing a feeling, but is in continuous fellowship with God, loving Him and seeking His face even when you don't feel it. Gradually, a reality is created in you that you have a very strong faith in God and can rely on Him steadily and unchangingly.

(2) Healing the Soul

- ◆ Wait for the healing power of God, not only for the body, but also for the dullness of the soul, the darkness of the heart, and the death of the spirit within. Ephesians 4:18 speaks of the Gentiles as being ignorant in their hearts and separated from the life that God has given them. **If we do not always draw near to this Holy God, obey Him, and have our hearts opened, we too will return to the Gentile state** of being ignorant in heart and coveting all kinds of filthiness.

- ◆ **By waiting on God, the sun of God's righteousness heals the dullness of our hearts, so that our hearts become alive** and our spirits stay sharp. When we hear God's words, we are moved to keep them and have confidence in God's promises. As we pursue this for a period of time, our eyes brighten, and we read the Bible with great light, as if God Himself were speaking to us.

Therefore, for a new believer, it is better to spend time to get close to God first, so that God can heal your heart and mind, and remove the spiritual blindness, and let the light shine so deeply in it, so that when you read the scriptures by yourself, you will have more revelations even than when you read the Bible commentaries, and it will go deeper into your heart and soul.

- ◆ The sun of righteousness also sheds light on the impurities within. This illumination comes from the depths of the heart, from the realization that you are a sinner, and from true repentance before God, which is very different from being taught how to confess your sins.

2. *"You shall go out leaping like calves from the stall"* (Malachi 4:2).

- ◆ When the day of righteousness heals and illuminates our soul and body, we become so joyful, which in English means that you will be like calves being "released," released from the closed fence, and can come out and jump and be so happy.

When we are released from our bondage and hurt, we will be so joyful that we will come out and jump like a fat calf from the stall. If you don't have joy, you need to tell the Lord: "Lord, I must have a lot of weeds and molds in me. Lord! I want to come and bask under the sun of your righteousness."

3. And you shall tread down the wicked, for they will be ashes under the soles of your feet, on the day when I act (Malachi 4:3).

(1) *"On the day when I act"*

- ◆ God wants to train His people to have a candid faith all the time. How? By "waiting patiently" on the day when He acts, the wicked will suddenly be like dust under your feet.

For example, there was a sister who had a fever for several days before the Summer conference, and she prayed and waited, but was not healed. When she came to the Summer conference, she was not healed until the fourth day. If she had given up on the third day and never come to the meeting, she would have still been sick going home.

- ◆ So don't stop coming to the meetings because you are sick or too busy, but treasure every opportunity to attend the meetings because the sun of righteousness is especially great in the meetings. This sun of righteousness can release you, help you, and heal you. So don't give in to your weaknesses, but always come to the sun of righteousness. **God really does have His appointed days, and He has a plan for every meeting.**

(2) *"And you shall tread down the wicked"*

- ◆ Our **"old-self" is the greatest of evildoers**, very deceitful and cunning. The Bible says, *"The heart is more deceitful than all things, and who can penetrate it?"* It makes it impossible for us to rejoice. The greater we are, the less joyful we can be.
- ◆ **Once God said to a sister, "All that is natural, even the most virtuous thoughts, can pierce My heart in a deep way."**

How easily our "old-self" is adulterated, even in the best of intentions. For the kingdom of Heaven will come only when God's will is done without hindrance, and all natural things will only corrupt the growth of the kingdom, even if they are good intentions, serving the Lord and helping people. So we need to come down more often and say, "Lord! I can't do anything, Lord! Come to take over me and fill me, and I will bow down more and more to let Your hand move."

- ◆ We need to ask the Lord to heal our blindness and shine a light on the poisonous roots of our pride. Pride causes us to be deceived, to feel good about ourselves, to think that others have hurt us. But we don't realize how much we have hurt others.
- ◆ To "tread down the wicked" means to stop allowing the "old-self" to be in power, to stop allowing the "old-self" to control me. We need to tread down our

“old-selves,” not to nurture the “old-self” that is so vulnerable, so fragile, so in need of respect, so prone to temper tantrums, always trying to win over others.

III. Concluding Remarks

Ephesians 2:10 “*We are His workmanship*” How can it be done? It is done in Christ Jesus. So we must remain connected to this Head, Christ, under the sun of righteousness. By waiting on God, His presence reveals our old-selves, kills it and tramples it underfoot. So that God can impart His righteous, holy nature in us.

WOG (VI) Assignment

1. Memorize the Bible: Malachi 4:2-3.