

The Beauty of Christmas
Malachi 4:1-6
Beauty from Chaos, 8
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For those who ignore God, there will be a day of judgment. 4:1

- The judgment will touch everyone.
- The judgment will be severe.

For those who fear God, there will be a day of restoration. 4:2-3

That day will be marked by ...

- Healing that comes from experiencing the truth.
- Joy that comes from living in freedom.
- Vindication that comes from trusting in God's justice.
- Participation that comes from faithfully honoring God.

How do we experience this beauty? 4:4-6

- We look back and remember.
- We look forward and desire.

MAKING THIS REAL IN MY LIFE ...

Quotes:

"Now there is in store for me the crown of righteousness, which the Lord, the righteous judge, will award to me on that day – and not only to me, but to all who have longed for his appearing." 2 Timothy 4:8

"The scandal of God's silence in the most heartbreaking hours of our journey is perceived in retrospect as veiled tender Presence and a passage into pure trust that is not at the mercy of the response it receives." Brennan Manning

COMING UP

Sunday December 30: Knowing God's Will
Sunday January 6: Prayer/Reflection
Sunday January 13: Vision Sunday
Sunday January 20: Intro to study of 1 Timothy