

# The Sun Of Righteousness Brings Healing

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***“Surely the day is coming; it will burn like a furnace. All the arrogant and every evil doer will be stubble, and that day that is coming will set them on fire, says the Lord Almighty. Not a root or a branch will be left to them. But for you who revere My Name, the Sun of righteousness will rise with healing in its wings. And you will go out and leap like calves released from the stall. Then you will trample down the wicked; they will be ashes under the soles of your feet on the day when I do these things, says the Lord Almighty.”***

Malachi means “My Messenger” - Whose messenger? A messenger of God. He is Propheying about the future. The Last Day / Judgment Day.

Malachi also prophesies about the SUN OF RIGHTEOUSNESS. This is in reference to Jesus, the Messiah, the Christ, our Savior from Sin. It is because of the Sun of Righteousness, that as believers in Christ, we need not fear the Last Day which Malachi describes for us when he writes:

***Vs. 1 – Surely the day is coming; it will burn like a furnace. All the arrogant and every evil doer will be stubble, and that day that is coming will set them on fire, says the Lord Almighty. Not a root or a branch will be left to them.***

Instead of fear, we can leap like calves released from the stall. This is the picture of JOY that Malachi uses to describe the HEALING that we have because of the Sun of Righteousness. This particular text spells the Word S-U-N.

When you are cooped up in the house after a long winter, and the Spring Sunshine comes out, it brings Joy, with the brightness and warmth of the Sun. This Sun of Righteousness Who brings joy and warmth is none other than Jesus. Malachi prophesied 400 years before JESUS came into the World.

This Jesus is the One Who has taken the punishment for sin that we deserve upon Himself. This Jesus is the One that Scripture teaches that he was born of a Virgin in Bethlehem, and conceived by the Holy Spirit, and so He is True Man and True God.

He Kept the Law of God Perfect in every way. Never cursed or swore, never hated, never lied, never coveted, never stole, never lusted.

And yet on the cross of Calvary He took all of these sins and more upon Himself and became our substitute, enduring hell in our place, so we do not have to.

An interesting thing that Malachi points out is that because of the Victory of the Sun of Righteousness on our behalf, we will trample down the wicked.

***Vs. 3 – Then you will trample down the wicked; they will be ashes under the soles of your feet on the day when I do these things, says the Lord Almighty.***

Who are the wicked? They are the unbelievers. The unbelievers are those who reject Jesus as their ONE and Only Savior from Sin.

**Conclusion:** So my friends in Christ. Leap for Joy like a calf released from the stall! Your sins are forgiven by the blood of Jesus. You need not fear the Last Day when the Wicked will burn like stubble. Instead you can rejoice because, Heaven is your Home because of Jesus.

Heaven where there is no more sin, or death or pain or sorrow, and because of God's Grace you will receive your new glorified body. Worship The Sun – Of Righteousness. AMEN