

Malachi 4⁵⁻⁶

The promise of Elijah

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Introduction

Jesus is coming
Camp is coming (unless Jesus comes first)

1. The threat

The dreadful day
The burning like a furnace
The land struck with a curse

2. The fulfilment

When?
Who?

3. The promise

He will turn hearts
He will set hearts free
He will set hearts on fire with love
He will turn the hearts of fathers to their children
He will turn the hearts of children to their fathers

Conclusion

The Sun of Righteousness with healing in His wings
Leaping like calves released from the stall

Discussion

What can we do to turn the hearts of fathers to their children?
What can we do to turn the hearts of children to their fathers
In what sense is it still true today that "these are the days of Elijah"?



Questions answered

- What should the response of a thinking person be to the coming of the great Day, that will bring all things to a culmination?
- When was (or will be) the fulfillment of this promise of Elijah?
- Who is the fulfilment of this promise of Elijah?
- What does it mean for our hearts to be turned?
- What is so crucial about the turning of the hearts of fathers to their children?
- What is crucial about the turning of the hearts of children to their fathers?
- Does this passage have anything to teach us about revival?
- What or who is the sun of righteousness with healing in its wings?
- What is the significance of leaping like calves released from the stall?



Things to pray about

- Thinking & living in light of the Lord's 2nd coming.
- Pursuing the promise of Elijah
- Enjoying the promise of Elijah



Pre-camp reading plan

- Monday 1 Kings 16⁸ - 17¹ Praying the hard option
- Tuesday 1 Kings 17¹⁻²⁴ Continuing in prayer in the face of continual disappointment
- Wednesday 1 Kings 18¹⁻⁴⁰ Praying for fire before praying for rain
- Thursday 1 Kings 18⁴¹⁻⁴⁶ Praying for what God has promised
- Friday 1 Kings 18⁴⁴ - 19²¹ The prayer of despair after failed expectations