

30 Days Together
“Immanuel – God With Us”
#30daystogether

Day #16 – Dec. 11

Text: Malachi 3:1-3

“I will send my messenger, who will prepare the way before me. Then suddenly the Lord you are seeking will come to His temple; the messenger of the covenant, whom you desire, will come,” says the Lord Almighty. But who can endure the day of His coming? Who can stand when He appears? For He will be like a refiner’s fire or a launderer’s soap. He will sit as a refiner and purifier of silver, He will purify the Levites and refine them like gold and silver. Then the Lord will have men who will bring offerings in righteousness,

Devotion: Curt Weiss

Here is another of the prophecies of the coming of our Lord Jesus. A messenger will prepare the way, in the person of John the Baptist, and then will come our “Savior”. If you’re like me, this passage doesn’t give me a lot of warm fuzzies, at first. Man, it’s a little scary, like I’m going to be tossed into the fire of a refiner, or scrubbed with lye soap! YEOW! If that’s going to be my salvation, God HELP ME! And, indeed, He does...

The “Purifier” will come, at this point, He HAS come. As a meek and mild baby – Wait, what?!? Yes, He is the purifier. The one foretold in this prophecy... Yes, he came to purify, and to cleanse – to make us pure in His Father’s sight. So, as I inferred in my video segment, He took us – who on the outside, appear as dirty and undesirable as some bad soil – dirt that was mixed with stones, and gravel, and debris, and a little used engine oil... - not good for anything, except to be thrown aside as waste. And He took us from that state, He took away all the bad stuff – destroyed all our sins and iniquities – and pulled out the good stuff – purified us in God’s sight, to where we appear to Him as pure as the finest precious metal ever to be found. Our Thanks and Glory be to You!

Whew, at first I was pretty scared! And, if I hadn’t been saved by Grace, I SHOULD have been scared! Indeed, Thank GOD for His Grace and Mercy, in sending His son, for all of us!

Closing Prayer: Thank You, Lord God, our Heavenly Father, for sending your son into our wretched world, to purify us, and make us worthy in Your sight! It’s difficult for many of us, and our earthly brothers and sisters, to understand and believe how this gentle baby could be the fulfillment of your prophecy of the One who will refine us and wash us so clean. Help all of us, in our feeble, clumsy human efforts, to first understand Your truth, and to be able to relay your truth to those around us. Bring Your Holy Spirit upon us, as we meet and talk and interact with others, to be able to light even a small flame in their hearts, to seek You. Your Law can be intimidating – help us to now proclaim your Gospel to those around us who so need to hear it, especially in this season of life. In Your name we pray. Amen