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In the Name of Jesus – To God Alone the Glory

11.9.2009 Pentecost 23 – St. Stephen Lutheran (West Bay) Mountain View, CA

Intro/Children's Sermon:

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What was Jehovah's message for Malachi to give to the people? [Pew Bibles]

1:6 =

2:9 =

2:16 =

3:15 =

3:16-18 =

-What was Jehovah's message for Malachi to the people? =

A.

B.

-What was going on?

-God's Word was =

-Like Paul Revere: Malachi =

Therefore, this is the Word of God to be laid on our hearts this morning from: NAS Malachi 4:1 "For behold, the day is coming, burning like a furnace; and all the arrogant and every evildoer will be chaff; and the day that is coming will set them ablaze," says the LORD of hosts, "so that it will leave them neither root nor branch."

2 "But for you who fear My name the sun of righteousness will rise with healing in its wings; and you will go forth and skip about like calves from the stall."

Prayer: Lord sanctify us by Your truth. Your Word is truth. Amen.

V1 – A day of fire! =

-Unbelievers =

3:2 =

-“Behold! The day is coming!” (2 Peter 3:7)

Paul Revere –name to revere? =

2:5-6 Levi =

2. Compare Malachi to YOU

V2 – “Fear (revere!) My name” =

-“The Sun of righteousness will rise” =

3:6 =

3:12 =

-This is the Name =

V2 -Malachi told about =

-Why “go forth and skip about?”

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-Lantern in bell tower of “Christ’s Church” in Boston =

-The Sentry / the world =

Like Paul Revere =

But MORE like Malachi =

4:5 =

Theme:

(Rev 22:20) Amen.

This peace of God that passes all understanding will guard your hearts and minds in our risen Lord and Savior Jesus Christ! Amen.

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1:6 = Lack of reverence (respect & awe) for Word of God (Exod. 3; Titus 2:7-8)

2:9 = Teachers of God's Word who picked and choose what to believe

2:16 = Divorce a major problem in those days (2:14 "your wife by covenant")

3:15 = Wicked and arrogant kings, rulers, the famous and celebrities-glorified!?!)

3:16-18 = Discern between righteous / wickedness, meditate on and honor Him!

-What was Jehovah's message for Malachi to the people? = Judgment against:

A. dishonest priests, wickedness and disobedience to God, and false security

B. unfaithfulness, false worship, mixed marriages and divorce, arrogance

-What was going on?

-God's Word was = falling on deaf ears

-Like Paul Revere: Malachi = warned people of what was to come!

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V1 – A day of fire! = Judgment Day (Psalm 21:8,9)

-Unbelievers = will be like chaff, the root of their power, their strength laid bare

3:2 = Who can stand before the Lord Almighty?

-“Behold! The day is coming!” (2 Peter 3:7)

Paul Revere –name to revere? =40 other riders! (William Dawes / Samuel Prescott)

2:5-6 Levi = reverent (respectful fear) before the LORD's name and covenant

4. Compare Malachi to YOU

V2 – “Fear (revere!) My name” = the one and only God (Jehovah – the Triune God)

-“The Sun of righteousness will rise” = The “Dayspring” from on high (Eph 5:14-16)

3:6 = The LORD does not change! Promises of punishment and blessing

3:12 = Blessing through Abraham's Seed (Christ) (Gal 3:7-8, 13)

-This is the Name = to revere and to fear!

V2 -Malachi told about = coming Christ – Who'd come with Healing – (Matt 21:9)

-Why “go forth and skip about?”

= joyful of the sun of righteousness

= reverent of Christ's name

(freed from stall – freed from sin's curse, well fed/nourished)

-Lantern in bell tower of “Christ's Church” in Boston = YOU -light of Christ's Church!

-The Sentry / the world = YOU stop making so much noise! “ ” –Paul Revere

Like Paul Revere = You and I are messengers!

But MORE like Malachi = You and I are messengers of Christ!

4:5 = Let us behold and look towards Christ's final coming... and make noise!

Theme: “**The Day is Coming! The Day is Coming!**”

“Even so, come, Lord Jesus.” (Rev 22:20) Amen.

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