

**"Remembered or Embers"
Malachi 3:13-4:3**

Sixth Dispute

Complaint of God shows He's upset with accusatory words (3:13)

Comments of people show two types of folks:

Group #1 (complainers), 13-15

- 1) *It is vain / futile to serve God*
- 2) *There is no value / profit in keeping God's Law*
- 3) *The wicked get blessed / prosperous and get away with doing evil.*

***Are the above statements true?

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Group #2 (servers), 16-18

Nothing recorded of discussions. What might they be? Emphasis is on their fear (3x) of God and service (3x). They "esteem" / "fear" God's name in contrast to others earlier 1:6, 12, 14, 2:2.

Response of God shows two types of fates:

Evil doers, 4:1

- 1) Get torched, Isa. 66:15,16, 24 / Mk. 9:48,49 sounds Hell-like
- 2) No future / posterity, Job. 18:16-19
- 3) To be treaded upon by those who serve God

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God fearers, 4:2-3

- 1) Are remembered in book, Ex. 32:32-34, Isa. 4:3, Phil. 4:3, Rev. 20:12
- 2) Are deemed God's personal treasure, Ex. 19:5,6, Eph. 1:14
- 3) Get to see Messiahs' righteousness rule, Isa. 30:26, 60:1, Lk. 1:78
- 4) Get to joyously tread down the wicked, Isa. 63:1-6, Rev. 14:19,20

We need to complain less about how things are and to serve knowing. . .