

# HOPE FOR THE BATTLE

## MALACHI 3:13-4:6

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- Live in hope by not treating living for God as FUTILE.  
3:13-15
- Live in hope by reverently ESTEEMING the name of God.  
3:16-18
- Live in hope by looking towards the glorious day of Jesus' RETURN, which brings healing and judgment.  
4:1-3
- Live in hope by faithfully REMEMBERING the Word of God.  
4:4
- Live in hope by living EXPECTANTLY for the restoration yet to come.  
4:5-6

# FURTHER UP. FURTHER IN

1. What does it mean to “live in hope?” What do our lives look like when we don't have hope?
2. Read Malachi 3:13-15. What is the modern day equivalent of the attitude described here? How are we tempted to have this attitude towards God at times?
3. Read Malachi 3:16-18. What is the difference in attitude here? What does it mean to “esteem the name of God”? How can you do this more in your life?
4. Read Malachi 4:1-3. What stands out to you about God's judgment? What stands out about God's healing? Does thinking of Jesus' second coming excite you? How can you fix your hope more fully on this coming Day?
5. Read Malachi 4:4. Why is remembering God's Word so important to maintaining hope? Can we love God without loving His Word? How can we grow to love God's Word more? (see Psalm 19:7-10, 119:101-105)
6. Read Malachi 4:5-6. Discuss the expectation of Elijah (see Luke 1:17, Matt 11:13-14, Matt 17:1-13, Revelation 11:3-5). How can we live in expectation of Jesus' coming? (see 1 Thes 5:2-6; 2 Pet 3:4-14)
7. Thinking back over the past 10 ½ months of studying the minor prophets, what has stood out to you? What are your big takeaways?



