

# GOD'S TREASURED POSSESSION

Malachi 3.13-18 // December 1, 2024

## FALSE REPENTANCE

**The heart of the problem  
is a problem of the heart.**

Confession alone does not mean repentance. Sadness and remorse over sin does not necessarily mean repentance. There is a difference between real, godly repentance and what the Word calls "worldly grief."

2 Corinthians 7.8-11

## THE FEAR OF THE LORD

We avoid empty, false repentance by learning to fear the Lord. The Old Testament uses three primary words for fear in the Hebrew. One denotes dread, another denotes being terrified, and the third, which is used here, denotes "showing reverence or respect."

**Though believers shouldn't be scared of God,  
we ought to fear God.**

Proverbs 9.10-12 // Psalm 32.1-11

## REFINING FIRE

The Lord tells His people that for those who fear Him and act accordingly, He will keep a record of that in one of His books. These actions will all be weighed on that great Day of the Lord, revealing who truly honored and glorified God not only in deed, but in heart. The end result of this is that God promises that He "will be their God, and they will be My people."

Jeremiah 24.7, 32.38 // Ezekiel 37.27 // Hebrews 8.10 // Revelation 21.7

It can induce some anxiety, however, when we look at our life and see that we are not quite the conquerors we hope we would be. But we must remember that we are not conquerors by our own merit, but only because we are "in Christ."

Every bad deed, thought, and motive that a born again believer lives out will be consumed by the refining fire of God because we are hidden in Christ, and we will be made into His treasured possession.

Romans 8.37 // 1 Corinthians 3.11-15

## NOTES:

### Announcements:

**Community Meal:** Today after service! Come join your church family for a good meal and fellowship in the courtyard immediately following today's service. Don't worry if you didn't bring food to share...there should be plenty to go around.

**Christmas Women's Gathering:** Our annual Christmas Women's gathering will be on Monday, December 2<sup>nd</sup> at 6:30pm at Barb Erdos' house. More details on the flier at the Connect Table. Sign up for the potluck using the QR code below. Hope to see you there!



### This Week's Call to Worship Psalm:

**Psalm 108:1-5**

### This Week's Scripture to Memorize:

**Psalm 139:23-24**

Search me, O God, and know my heart! Try me and know my thoughts! And see if there be any grievous way in me, and lead me in the way everlasting!

## ARE YOU NEW HERE?

### WELCOME TO LIFE MISSION!

We'd love for you to **fill out a Connection Card** so we can welcome you and answer any questions you may have. You can drop it in the offering basket during the service or take it to one of our teammates at the **Connection Booth** outside. Feel free to grab some coffee and snacks in the courtyard and hang out. We hope you'll **join us next Sunday** and consider making us your church family.

### WHAT ABOUT THE KIDS?

Our childrens' ministry, which we call **Kids on Mission**, has classes for **newborns - 5th grade**. We have a great team of volunteers who have all been screened with background checks for extra security. Each week your child will get to **worship** with their class, followed by an **age-appropriate lesson** that points them towards Jesus and helps root them in the Word of God.

Visit our website to read more about the vision of Kids on Mission and a walkthrough of our curriculum. If you have any questions, email **Amber Willis at [amber@lifemission.tv](mailto:amber@lifemission.tv)**

### JUNIOR HIGH & HIGH SCHOOL

Our **6th - 8th graders** begin each Sunday by **worshipping with the adults** and then head to their classroom with their teacher and classmates for the rest of service. Visit our website to read more about our junior high ministry and a walkthrough of our curriculum.

Our **9th-12th graders stay in the service** with the adults because we believe that it is crucial for them to not "graduate the faith" when they graduate high school.

For more information about our Junior High & High School ministries, email **Tyler Willis at [tyler@lifemission.tv](mailto:tyler@lifemission.tv)**.

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## COMMUNITY GROUP HOMEWORK

Open the evening by reading the **Call to Worship Psalm** and reciting the **Memory Verse** together. Then pray the Psalm and the Memory Verse to open up discussion.

Read **Malachi 3.13-18**. What stands out in this verse and from Sunday's sermon?

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### Preaching the Gospel to Yourself

Read through **Psalm 32**. This psalm is full of God's grace and mercy, and helps us see what a life of true repentance looks like. How has the truth of God's forgiveness ever brought you to a place where you have been able to relate with the words of David from **Psalm 32**?

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### Your Life Mission

For us to be effective and fruitful ministers of the Gospel to those around us, we first must have been effected and deeply impacted by the Gospel. That means we must make it an ongoing, regular habit of ours to confess sin, repent, and ask the Lord to help us grow in a right, healthy fear of Him as we seek to stay near Him.

In what ways do you feel you need to grow in your fear of the Lord? In what area of life do you think you may have become to complacent or cavalier?

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Who in your life are you hoping to be a more effective witness to as you aim to share the Gospel with them?

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## THE LORD'S P.R.A.Y.er MODEL

- **Preaching the Gospel to Yourself (Matthew 6.9, 10)**
- **Repent and Confess (Matthew 6.12)**
- **Ask for Provision (Matthew 6.11-13)**
- **Yield with Thanksgiving (Matthew 6.10)**

Father, be glorified in \_\_\_\_\_, let Your Kingdom and will be done, in and through \_\_\_\_\_ as it is in Heaven.

Give \_\_\_\_\_ daily bread, and thank You for Your forgiveness.  
Help \_\_\_\_\_ to forgive \_\_\_\_\_,  
because You are the One who has forgiven us.

Keep \_\_\_\_\_ eyes fixed on You and Your Word and promises  
so that \_\_\_\_\_ may not sin against You.  
Thank You for and help me trust Your sovereign love.



# LIFE MISSION

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MAKING DISCIPLES WHO MAKE DISCIPLES LOCALLY AND GLOBALLY,  
WHO ARE SAVED, EQUIPPED, AND SENT BY THE GOSPEL.



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