

**Malachi: A Conversation With God #10**  
**Will You Have a Heart for God and Others?**  
**Malachi 4:1-6**  
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I. Three essentials for a heart for God and others.

1. Remember God's past promises.

Genesis 12:1-2 – "I will make you a great nation, and I will bless you, and make your name great; and so you shall be a blessing; and I will bless those who bless you, and the one who curses you I will curse, and in you all the families of the earth will be blessed."

2. Look to His future promises.

Isaiah 11:10 – "In that day the Root of Jesse will stand as a banner for the peoples; the nations will rally to him, and his resting place will be glorious."

3. Live in His promises right now.

- ~ Truth
- ~ Righteousness
- ~ Healing
- ~ Restoration
- ~ Justice

II. Characteristics of having our hearts turned toward the next generation.

2 Corinthians 1:20 Page # 1155

1. Acceptance

2. Availability

1 Thessalonians 2:7-8 Page # 1182

3. Affection

4. Affirmation

1 Thessalonians 5:9-11 Page # 1184

5. Accountability

Galatians 4:19 – "My children, with whom I am again in labor until Christ is formed in you..."

Philippians 2:19-23 Page #1176

## Faith Sheet

**Transformation Verse (March)** *Rejoice in the Lord always; again I say, rejoice!* Philippians 4:4

### Main Themes:

~ The Old Testament ends with God commanding His people to remember His past promises, look toward the future promises, focus daily on present promises, and make relationships a priority. It is still the same today.

~ When parents' hearts, especially fathers' hearts, are turned toward their children, families will thrive, churches will grow strong, and the Gospel will go out powerfully to all the world.

### **#1-Reviewing This Past Sunday Malachi: A Conversation With God #10 Will You Have a Heart for God and Others? Malachi 4:1-6**

1. Read Malachi 4:1-6, and discuss with someone.
2. What are the results of our hearts being turned toward one another and not away from one another?
3. Discuss with those closest to you how you are doing in the areas of acceptance, availability, affection, affirmation, and accountability.
4. What attitudes or actions need to change in your life for you to be more winsome and impactful in your close relationships?
5. What do you appreciate about God from this passage? Pray!

### **# 2- Preparing for Next Sunday God's Glory: Creation Genesis 1-2**

1. Take some time and read Genesis 1-2 with someone.
2. Name as many attributes of God that you can. What are some of the reasons you enjoy God because of these attributes?
3. Read Hebrews 11:3. Is the calling to believe in God as the creator in faith a struggle for you? What areas do you question?
4. Read Hebrews 12:14. Do you find it easy to be at peace with others? What generally causes you to not have peace with another person?
5. Pray that God would prepare your heart to enjoy Him as the awesome creator God this week.