

Volume 3 The Prophetic Books Malachi 3:13 – 15

"Your words have been stout against Me." Malachi 3:13

What does the LORD mean when He states that the people's words have been stout against Him? At its crux is an evil heart of unbelief! (Hebrews 3:12). Our words reveal our heart's true condition – they always have, they always will. "For out of the abundance of the heart, the mouth speaks." Jesus said that! (Matthew 12:34 – 37).

"What is the use of serving God? What have we gained by obeying His commandments or by trying to show the Almighty that we are sorry of our sins? From now on we will say, "Blessed are the arrogant." For those who do evil get rich, and those who dare God to punish them go free of harm." (Malachi 3:14 - 15).

Our complaints reveal our heart's condition. The believer's heart should be full of gratitude and thanksgiving; never disgruntled speech that accuses God of injustice. "Vengeance is Mine; I will repay." says the Lord." (Romans 12:19).

Dear friend, gain an eternal perspective. Our God is not willing for any to perish – even the arrogant rich and politically powerful. Justice is often delayed but it is just that – delayed not forgotten. The clock is running... time is shortening...

Root out of your life's faulty thinking concerning the Lord's love and His justice. Align your words with God's Word in spite of what you see with your natural eyes or perceive with your natural senses. Guard your heart and your words lest you find yourself in unbelief and thus be found displeasing and disappointing to God.

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