

## **Malachi 3:16-18**

### **Loving to be with God**

*“Then those who feared the Lord spoke to one another, and the Lord gave attention and heard it, and a book of remembrance was written before Him for those who fear the Lord and who esteem His name. “And they will be Mine,” says the Lord of hosts, “On the day that I prepare My own possession, and I will spare them as a man spares his own son who serves him.” So you will again distinguish between the righteous and the wicked, between one who serves God and one who does not serve Him.*

When we speak to one another about the Lord we get His attention, particularly when we love to abide in Him. The thought that He is up in heaven writing a book of remembrance about us is too wonderful to fully comprehend! He has stopped to listen in on our conversation and it has pleased His heart and brought joy to His countenance so He has taken the time to take note of it and store it in His archive that He keeps close to His heart and He has declared that we will be set aside for His own possession. Oh let us love the Lord! Oh let us speak of Him often and enjoy His company! How He loves to spend time with us, so let us make time for Him!

*Dear Heavenly Father, how we love to be with you! Thank you for all of the thoughtful things you do for us in a day! Thank you for all of the special touches You add when you grant to us desires of the heart! Thank You for all the answers that are still in progress even when everything seems to be contrary to what we have prayed! Thank you for hearing our heart-cries in the night and our prayers by day! Lord, we love you!*

Our Heavenly Father has a love that can be reached out and touched if we will only put aside what we are doing and gaze into His eyes. He has so much He desires to teach and share with us.

*Lord Jesus, please teach us today! Please instruct us in Your ways and in Your word. We just want to know You better! Your heart warms our hearts of clay and turns them into a living organ capable of loving You in return.*

To set time aside for the Lord in order to enjoy His company is sure to bring life to our souls that can be found no other way. It was God’s breath of His Spirit that brought us all to life in the beginning and the renewing of that breath can only come from Him. It is not native to this earth but originated in Him, for we are His children and He is our Father. Truly the verse that says, “In Him we live and move and have our being,” is not a figure of speech but stated fact. Oh how He loves to renew us while we abide in Him as in a Vine, receiving all that we need from Him, our source of life. I remember one night just earnestly praying to abide in the Vine and God literally allowed me to understand the fullness of that illustration as He filled me so full of His Holy Spirit that I could literally feel the drinking in of being attached to Him. I have never forgotten that. Being attached to the vine has always had a real meaning to me ever since.

We are the Lords! We are His possession and we are to diligently not let our lamps go out but to tend them and refill them with the oil of His company. Let us spend time with Him!

God bless you all!

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