

God's Message Overcomes Boredom!

Malachi 3:1-7

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What is God's message to His bored people?

1) God will send His messenger to prepare the way 3:1

- Mal. 2:17; Ps. 46:10
- John 1:22-23

2) God will send judgment to cleanse His people 3:2-3

- Mal. 4:1

3) God will purify His people for His sake 3:4-5

- Mal. 1:7-8

4) God will be faithful to His Word 3:6-7

How do you know when you're bored with God?

- You don't pursue God studying Scripture
- You don't confess your sins to God
- You don't consciously depend on the Holy Spirit
- You treat worship as just something people do
- You regularly come to church tired and exhausted
- You don't have goals for reading Scripture
- You don't want to be discipled or to disciple others
- You don't get together with other Christians
- You don't seek purity or holiness
- You don't see the wonder of your relationship with Jesus
- You don't think there is enough to entertain you.

Overcome boredom by a choice

- You have God's message to prepare you for His coming 1 John 1:5-6
- You have a choice to overcome boredom by intensified study with growing people 2 Tim. 2:22, 15
- You can welcome God's purifying process to grow in holy dependence on Him 1 Pet. 5:10; 4: 12-17

God's Message is here;

those who are purified overcome boredom and trust Him!

Message Based Discussion Questions

1) Have you ever received an unexpected message?

Digging Deeper:

2) Before the Bible was completed, did God communicate in different ways (Heb. 1:1-2)? _____ What were some of the different ways God communicated to us?

3) What two things often cause boredom and therefore problems according to Proverbs 19:15? _____ and _____ Read the following passages. What often happens to bored people? (Pro. 2:11-19; 26:13-16; Ecc. 2:1-11; Is. 6:8-13; Acts 19:32) ?

4) What are God's purposes for purifying His people (Titus 2:11-15; James 4:8)?

Making application of the message to life:

5) How do you explain to a new person that God does not change, when it seems like He changed His mind (Mal. 3:6; Num. 23:19; Gen. 6:3-8)?

6) What can you do in your life to maintain a fire for learning God's Word in your soul and not be bored (cf. Ecc. 9:10)?

7) What are ways you can encourage others to be fervent in their growth in Jesus Christ (cf. 1 Cor. 2:9)?