TODAY'S SCRIPTURE FOCUS: Malachi 3:1-4

SERMON TITLE:

"Feeling the Heat from the Refiner's Fire"

SERMONIC POINTS:

#1: PREPARATION

#2: PURPOSE

#3: PLEASE

SERMONIC PNT.#1:

PREPARATION

Advent Projects "the coming" of The Lord...

"Behold, I send MY messenger, and he will prepare the way before ME."

Malachi 3:1a

"And *THE LORD*, whom you seek, will suddenly come to HIS temple"

Malachi 3:1b

"Even the Messenger of the covenant in whom you delight..."

Malachi 3:1c

"Behold,
HE is coming,
says the LORD
of Hosts."
Malachi 3:1d

SERMONIC PNT.#2: PURPOSE

"The Messenger of the Covenant" comes with a purpose;

"But who can endure the day of HIS coming? And who can stand when HE appears?"

Malachi 3:2a

"For HE is like a *refiner's fire* and like *launder's soap*." *Malachi 3:2b* "He will sit
as a refiner and
a purifier of silver;
He will purify the
sons of Levi..."
Malachi 3:3a

"that they may offer to The LORD an offering in righteousness." Malachi 3:3b

SERMONIC PNT.#3:

PLEASE

The goal of the purification & purging is to please GOD...;

"Then the offering of Judah and Jerusalem will be pleasant to the LORD, as in the days of old..."

Malachi 3:4