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## SUGGESTED DISCUSSION POINTS FROM DECEMBER 6, 2020 SERMON

Disputation #6
Evildoers Judged and Righteous Vindicated
Malachi 3:13-4:6

Have you ever echoed the sentiments of the Israelites who said, "It is vain to serve God?" Have you ever felt that there was no benefit in serving the Lord?

Do you ever feel like God not only doesn't pay attention to your cause, but <u>evildoers prosper in wickedness</u> and <u>God lets them get away with it?</u>

How much is your own disobedience responsible for your situation?

Explain how it's hypocritical to blame God for bad circumstances when it's just the results of your poor choices? Have you ever had an instance like this in your life?

The believing remnant owned their sin and repented. Explain how owning your sin as your own leads down the road of repentance?

How will the judgment show a distinction between the believing remnant and the hypocrites?

Read Malachi 4:1. Describe the contrast of living in such a peaceful place like the Village compared with the coming wrath and fire in judgment.

Why should believers not be scared of the ultimate day of judgment?

Describe how you will be vindicated at the return of Christ? (Your life and faith are not in vain)

Explain how the book doesn't end on a note of judgment but a note of grace. (You can return to the Lord and find grace and favor. You don't have to face the punishing wrath of God.)