April 6, 2014 Dr. Mark D. Cain Malachi #5

This Day—That Day

Malachi 4:1-6 (Pew Bible p. 953)

Martin Luther had 2 days on his calendar: This day, and that day. And he wanted to *live this day in light of that day*.

Purposeful Prophecy.

Malachi 4:1-6

The OT closes emphasizing: It's not over...God is not done!

Prophecy promises Who gets the final word.

Prophecy should lead God's children to be filled with a calm and quiet peace, never anxiety, for our God promises that He will accomplish His good purposes in all of history.

Paraphrase, theologian Wayne Grudem

Circumstances may appear to wreck our lives and God's plans, but <u>God is not helpless among the ruins</u>.

Eric Liddell, early 20th c. Olympian, then missionary to China; this quote has sustained Kay Warren in the year following her son's suicide.

Next Week: Hebrews 12:1-3