

MESSAGE FROM THE WORD

Malachi 3:16-17

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Then those who feared the LORD talked with each other, and the LORD listened and heard. A scroll of remembrance was written in his presence concerning those who feared the LORD and honored his name.

17 "They will be mine," says the LORD Almighty, "in the day when I make up my treasured possession. I will spare them, just as in compassion a man spares his son who serves him."

- Your yearbook of "Remembrance"

Hope - Malachi 3:16

God's Book of Remembrance

1. The "Book of Remembrance" Setting

- People's complaints
 - Vain to serve the LORD
 - Sorrow over sin didn't help
 - Wicked have it better
- People's actions
 - Shameful sacrifices
 - Obligation not from loving heart
 - Stealing from God
- Believers' reactions
 - Encouraged each other
 - Spoke up for the LORD
- God's response

- The LORD listened and heard
- The LORD claimed them as His
- The LORD considered them His special treasure
- The LORD spared them
- The LORD had compassion on them

2. Our Personal “Book of Remembrance”

- *A scroll of remembrance was written in his presence concerning those who feared the LORD and honored his name. Malachi 3:16*
- Our relationship to the LORD
- Our relationship to others who fear the LORD
- Our relationship to others who don't know the LORD