



Welcome To Open Bible Hour

*Thank you for joining us on this
Lord's Day!*

*Our desire is that you may grow in the grace and
knowledge of our Lord Jesus Christ as we pursue an in-
depth study of the book of Malachi.*

*If you have a prayer request, for which you would like
us to pray, please fill out a prayer sheet at the back
table and give to Lyle.*

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“THE GOD WHO HEARS”

Malachi 3:13-18

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Prov 14:16

6 A wise man is cautious and turns away from evil,
But a fool is arrogant and careless.

Prov 28:25

5 An arrogant man stirs up strife,
But he who trusts in the Lord will prosper.

Ps 101:5

5 Whoever secretly slanders his neighbor, him I will destroy;
No one who has a haughty look and an arrogant heart will I endure.

Jer 50:31-32

31 "Behold, I am against you, O arrogant one,"
Declares the Lord God of hosts,
"For your day has come,
The time when I will punish you.

32 "The arrogant one will stumble and fall
With no one to raise him up;
And I will set fire to his cities
And it will devour all his environs."

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 1. ***Sovereignty***
Rom 11:36
6 For from Him and through Him and to Him are all things. To Him be the glory forever. Amen.
 2. ***Providence***
 3. ***Omnipotence***
 4. ***Wisdom***
 5. ***Omniscience***
2. If you refer to superstition, luck or chance to describe events that happen in your life, you reflect on God's:
 1. ***Providence***
 2. ***Sovereignty***
3. If you speak of earthly powers such as governments, nations, kings, and armies as the ultimate determiners of worldly events, you reflect on God's:
 1. ***Omnipotence***
 2. ***Sovereignty***
4. If you express fear or worry to others about the future, you reflect on God's:
 1. ***Omniscience***
 2. ***Omnipotence***
 3. ***Sovereignty***
 4. ***Love***

5. If you talk of how unfair, unjust things are you reflect on God's:
 1. *Justice*
 2. *Holiness*
 3. *Goodness*
 4. *Omniscience*
 6. If God, Jesus Christ, and the Holy Spirit are not a part of your words to others, you reflect on God's:
 1. *Existence*
 2. *Relevance*
 7. If you portray to others a God who is weak, distant, or disconnected from your life and this world, you reflect on God's:
 1. *Omnipresence*
 2. *Eternality*
- *Most unbelievers will never read or hear the Bible and so your life and words are the only "Bible" they will ever hear.***

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Ex 17:14

14 Then the Lord said to Moses, "Write this in a **book** as a memorial and recite it to Joshua, that I will utterly blot out the memory of Amalek from under heaven.

Ex 32:32-33

32 "But now, if You will, forgive their sin — and if not, please blot me out from Your **book** which You have written!"

33 The Lord said to Moses, "Whoever has sinned against Me, I will blot him out of My book.

Esther 2:23

23 Now when the plot was investigated and found to be so, they were both hanged on a gallows; and it was written in the **Book** of the Chronicles in the king's presence.

Esther 6:1

6 During that night the king could not sleep so he gave an order to bring the **book** of records, the chronicles, and they were read before the king.

Ps 69:28

28 May they be blotted out of the **book** of life
And may they not be recorded with the righteous.

Luke 10:20

20 "Nevertheless do not rejoice in this, that the spirits
are subject to you, but rejoice that your names are
recorded in heaven."

Rev 20:12

12 And I saw the dead, the great and the small, standing
before the throne, and **books** were opened; and
another **book** was opened, which is the **book** of life;
and the dead were judged from the things which were
written in the **books**, according to their deeds.

Rev 20:15

5 And if anyone's name was not found written in the **book**
of life, he was thrown into the lake of fire.

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Arrogant

“It is worthless to serve God”

“No profit to serve Him”

“No profit to mourn”

“The arrogant are blessed”

“The wicked are built up”

“They test God and escape”

Fear the Lord

Esteem His name

In the “book of remembrance”

They belong to God

They are His possession

They will be spared

They will have discernment

Application

1. Why are you a believer?

2. Are you part of the God-fearing remnant?

Rev 3:4

4 'But you have a few people in Sardis who have not soiled their garments; and they will walk with Me in white, for they are worthy.

3. Would your name be written in “a book of remembrance”?

4. How much does it bother you that God hears and records all that you say?

Matt 12:36-37

36 "But I tell you that every careless word that people speak, they shall give an accounting for it in the day of judgment.

37 "For by your words you will be justified, and by your words you will be condemned."

5. Does your conversation with others reflect gloriously on our God?