

WHEN JESUS QUOTES

THE OLD TESTAMENT

MATTHEW 11:7-15

- ▶ Malachi 3:1 "I will send my messenger, who will prepare the way before me. Then suddenly the Lord you are seeking will come to his temple; the messenger of the covenant, whom you desire, will come," says the Lord Almighty.
 - ▶ Two messengers (v1)
 - ▶ "Messenger to prepare way" - John the Baptist
 - ▶ Matthew 11:10 - This is the one about whom it is written: "'I will send my messenger ahead of you, who will prepare your way before you
 - ▶ Matthew 11:14 - "And if you are willing to accept it, he is the Elijah who was to come."
 - ▶ "Messenger of the covenant" - Messiah - Jesus
 - ▶ Refiner's Fire or Launderers Soap

MATTHEW 26:31-35

- ▶ Matthew 26:31- Jesus predicts Peter's denial- I will strike the shepherd and the sheep of the flock will be scattered...
- ▶ Zechariah 13:7-9
 - ▶ Isaiah 53:10-11
 - ▶ Acts 2:22-24, 36-41

"Awake, sword, against my shepherd, against the man who is close to me!" declares the Lord Almighty.

"Strike the shepherd, and the sheep will be scattered, and I will turn my hand against the little ones.

In the whole land," declares the Lord, "two-thirds will be struck down and perish; yet one-third will be left in it.

This third I will put into the fire; I will refine them like silver and test them like gold.

They will call on my name and I will answer them;

I will say, 'They are my people,' and they will say, 'The Lord is our God.'"

Zechariah 13:7-9

REFINER'S FIRE

- ▶ Malachi 3:2-4 - But who can endure the day of his coming? Who can stand when he appears? For he will be like a refiner's fire or a launderer's soap. He will sit as a refiner and purifier of silver; he will purify the Levites and refine them like gold and silver. Then the Lord will have men who will bring offerings in righteousness, and the offerings of Judah and Jerusalem will be acceptable to the LORD, as in days gone by, as in former years.
- ▶ Zechariah 13:9 - This third I will put into the fire; I will refine them like silver and test them like gold. They will call on my name and I will answer them; I will say, 'They are my people,' and they will say, 'The LORD is our God.'"

REFINER'S FIRE

▶ Diodorus Siculus - 60 BC

- ▶ Mine rock
- ▶ Hammer/grind to dust



- ▶ Put dust on inclined board, pour water...rock runs off, gold remains (heavy)
- ▶ Gold particles put in earthen jars, mixed with a lump of lead, salt, tin, and sealed up
- ▶ Bake in kiln for 5 days under high heat - until it stops fuming
- ▶ What remains is extremely pure gold

REFINER'S FIRE

- ▶ "GOLD is the only thing that loses no substance by the action of fire. Indeed as a matter of fact it improves in quality the more often it is fired, and fire serves as a test of its goodness...."

GAIUS PLINIUS SECUNDUS

(Pliny the Elder)

Natural History

Rome, A.D. 77

-1 Peter 2:4-5, 9-10 - We are the "new" Levites (priests)

- ▶ How does God refine us?

MATTHEW 10:34-42

The best of them is like a brier,
the most upright worse than a thorn hedge.

The day God visits you has come,
the day your watchmen sound the alarm.

Now is the time of your confusion.

Do not trust a neighbor;

put no confidence in a friend.

Even with the woman who lies in your embrace
guard the words of your lips.

For a son dishonors his father,

a daughter rises up against her mother,

a daughter-in-law against her mother-in-law—

a man's enemies are the members of his own
household.

MICAH 7:4-6

MATTHEW 10:34-42

- ▶ What is divisive about God working in us?
- ▶ Christians should not be the ones causing hurt
- ▶ Division not among denominations
 - ▶ Jesus's prayer for unity among believers (John 17:20-26)

DIVISION

- ▶ God exists
- ▶ Jesus is the Messiah
- ▶ Jesus is God
- ▶ God speaks to us through scripture
- ▶ God is sovereign
- ▶ Truth - I am the way

- ▶ Atheism - No G(g)od
- ▶ Jesus was a good guy
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- ▶ Scripture is not theologically reliable
- ▶ If God exists, he has to fit the mold we like
- ▶ Post-modernism

MATTHEW 10:34-42

- ▶ John 17:14-19 I have given them your word and the world has hated them, for they are not of the world any more than I am of the world. My prayer is not that you take them out of the world but that you protect them from the evil one. They are not of the world, even as I am not of it. Sanctify them by the truth; your word is truth. As you sent me into the world, I have sent them into the world. For them I sanctify myself, that they too may be truly sanctified.

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**But as for me,
I watch in hope for the Lord,
I wait for God my Savior;
my God will hear me.**

MICAH 7:7

**But if serving the LORD seems
undesirable to you, then choose for
yourselves this day whom you will serve,
whether the gods your ancestors served
beyond the Euphrates, or the gods of the
Amorites, in whose land you are living.
But as for me and my household, we will
serve the LORD.”**

JOSHUA 23:15

NEXT WEEK

- ▶ The Temple
 - ▶ Matthew 21:33-46
 - ▶ Matthew 21:12-17