

REWARD OF THINKING UPON HIS NAME, MALACHI 3:16

May we entitle the thought for the day the “Reward of Thinking Upon His Name.” In Malachi, the third chapter, and verse sixteen, we find this precious Truth:

Then they that feared the LORD spake often one to another: and the LORD hearkened, and heard it, and a book of remembrance was written before him for them that feared the LORD, and that thought upon his name (Malachi 3;16).

We see in this verse, here, the power, the reward of thinking upon His Name. It lets us know how much esteem God places upon thinking upon His Wonderful Name. He says “they that *fear* the LORD.” The word in Hebrew is *yaw-ray* which means to reverence and to hold in awe. It means an awe that is mingled with affection and love and respect. It is a word that means to love Him in such a way that you would bow in submissive humility to His Will and Way. So those that fear the LORD, when they have this class of respect, they speak to other people, they cannot keep it to themselves. It is so marvelous and so wonderful. We must speak with someone else.

“And the LORD hearkened,” which means, the LORD heard it. The word *hearkened* is a greater word than just *hear ordinarily*. The idea is that you spread your ear out as though it were extended way out to where you do not miss any of the words or the thoughts of the person speaking. He caused a book to be written of those that fear the LORD or that thought upon His Name.

Now, let us look at the reward of thinking upon His Name in the fourth chapter, there, in verse two.

But unto you that fear my name shall the Sun of righteousness arise with healing in his wings; and ye shall go forth, and grow up as calves of the stall (Malachi 4:2).

Do you need to be healed today? Are you sick in body? Are you sick in your mind? Are you

sick in your soul? Are you sick spiritually? Then if you will just think upon the Name of Jesus Christ, there is healing. The Sun of Righteousness will arise. And when the natural sun comes up, the fire, the warmth from the sun causes things to warm up and, then, they begin to bend. If we are sick, then maybe we need to bend somewhere to the LORD Jesus Christ. It is positive, for sure, that He can bend our stubborn wills. So if we just think upon Jesus Christ, if there is something in our life that we find real repulsive that we have to do, something we feel we cannot tolerate, we cannot endure, if we will think upon Jesus Christ, He will melt and warm and bend our will into submissive surrender unto His Will.

You know, fire melts hardness. Sometimes God lets people suffer to melt them. One little lady said to me recently. She said “Why has so much happened to me? Why am I going through these terrible things?” and tears were flowing down her face when she said that to me. And I said, “Honey, just for the tears that are coming now. You have been hard, and you need to be melted, and you need to be broken.” Those that think upon His Name, those that will allow Jesus Christ to fill their hearts and minds with spiritual thoughts, the gold dust of His Word, then, beloved, He will allow the Sun of Righteousness to rise upon your horizon, in the natural and in the spiritual. You will find situations changing in your life. You will find circumstances changing. Fire melts the hardness. Fire melts frozen anger. A lot of times we have a lot of anger and hatred against somebody, sometimes even from childhood, but when you think upon the Name, the Nature of the LORD Jesus Christ, His Mercy, His Love, His Goodness, His Kindness, His Humility, then you will find the Sun of Righteousness rising up, and you will find those warm rays melting the ice of your hatred and your anger.

And you know, fire kindles love, and when the Sun of Righteousness rises up, it will kindle the love for Jesus Christ, a love for His House, a love for His Will, a love for the Word of God, love

for prayer. The Sun of Righteousness will kindle love for the things that we need to have kindled in our hearts. And, of course, the Sun of Righteousness sanctifies and purifies our hearts. And there are many things in our attitudes and dispositions that are not like Jesus Christ, our impatience and our disbelief and so on. And the Sun of Righteousness can destroy, convert, and test the materials that we have used to build within ourselves. So He will prove us, He will test us. The Sun of Righteousness will heal us.

And the Word says, "That ye shall go forth and grow up as calves of the stall." So calves that are fattened on the fine corn in the stall, not just turned loose to run out there to seek their own food, but they have been housed and shielded within the fold, or the stall of their master, and the master has provided special corn he has grown and gives unto them. Not food that they have found but food that He gives. So when we think upon His Name, the Sun of Righteousness will rise with healing, and the Sun of Righteousness will prepare the food that will make us to grow up and to be fat and to be rich and increased in the Knowledge of our LORD Jesus Christ and give us that abundance, a satisfaction, joy, and peace that our hearts have always been looking for, then we will feel secure when the Master has limited us, as it were, fenced us in, as it were, within the confines of His Stall, and we will be satisfied because the crib will be full of corn, and we will eat and be satisfied and grow.

This is the reward of those that think upon His Name. How much better to think upon the Name of Jesus Christ than any other Name, seeing as God has said in His Word "Wherefore God also hath highly exalted him, and given him a name which is above every name: That at the name of Jesus every knee should bow, of things in heaven, and things in earth, and things under the earth; And that every tongue should confess that Jesus Christ is Lord, to the glory of God the Father" (Philippians 2:9-11). That is the kind of Name He has. And He is the Sun of Righteousness

and He has healing in His wings, and He has food in His stall to feed us that we might grow in Him.

Let us pray:

Heavenly Father, we thank You, Precious Jesus, today, for thy Truth. LORD, we thank You that your Truth is able to set us free from ignorance and darkness and sin and separate us unto Thy Divine Self. Bless the words of Light and Truth today in the radio audience. LORD Jesus, quicken unto the people the Power and the Reward of thinking upon Thy Name that they might experience the Sun of Righteousness rising in a new way in their lives because we pray in Jesus' Precious Name. Amen. ☐