

Doubting God

This 5-day devotional guide is based on Malachi 3:13-4:3 and will help you prepare your heart for the upcoming Sunday sermon, "Doubting God," in the preaching series, "How's Your Heart?" It may also be used as a guide for family devotions and is for the week ending Saturday, June 6, 2026.

Monday

Scripture: Malachi 3:13-15

Questions for Reflection

- What words of complaint did people speak against God?
- How did they misread the prosperity of the proud and evildoers?
- Where do you wrestle with discouragement about obedience?
- How can gratitude reshape your view today?

Questions for Children

- What did some people say about following God?
- Is obeying God good?

Prayer Prompt

Patient Lord, forgive our doubting words. Help us trust that serving You is never in vain and worthless. Amen.

Tuesday

Scripture: Malachi 3:16-18

Questions for Reflection

- Who are those who 'fear the LORD,' and what does God do for them?
- What is the "scroll of remembrance"?
- How will you remember God's works and share them with others?
- Where can you encourage fellow believers today?

Questions for Children:

- Who does God remember?
- How can we remember God's goodness?

Prayer Prompt

Remembering God, write Your faithfulness on our hearts and make us Your treasured possession. Amen.

Wednesday

Scripture: Malachi 4:1

Questions for Reflection

- What future does God declare for the arrogant and evildoers?
- How do justice and mercy meet at the day of the LORD?
- Where do you need holy fear to flee from evil?
- How will you live today in light of that coming day?

Questions for Children

- What happens to pride and evil in the end?
- Who is stronger—God or evil?

Prayer Prompt

Righteous Judge, keep us humble and holy as we await Your day. Strengthen us to turn from evil. Amen.

Thursday

Scripture: Malachi 4:2

Questions for Reflection

- What healing and joy are promised to those who fear God's name?
- How does the image of "sun of righteousness" encourage hope?
- Where do you need healing in body, mind, or spirit?
- How will you step into joyful obedience today?

Questions for Children

- What does God's sunshine bring?
- How can we be joyful in God?

Prayer Prompt

Healing Savior, provide us with the health that you alone can provide. Fill us with joy and strength to follow You. Amen.

Friday

Scripture: Malachi 4:3

Questions for Reflection

- What picture shows the final victory of the righteous?
- How does this promise encourage perseverance now?
- Where do you need endurance to keep doing good?

- Who can you encourage with this hope today?

Questions for Children

- Who wins in the end?
- Can we keep trusting God?

Prayer Prompt

Victorious Lord, anchor our hope in Your final triumph. Help us persevere in faith and goodness. Amen.