

A Change of Heart

This 5-day devotional guide is based on Malachi 4:4-6 and will help you prepare your heart for the upcoming Sunday sermon, "A Change of Heart," 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 13, 2026.

Monday

Scripture: Malachi 4:4

Questions for Reflection

- Why does God call the people to remember the Law of Moses?
- How does remembering past instruction shape present obedience?
- What truth from Scripture will you remember and practice today?
- How can your family keep God's Word in daily rhythms?

Questions for Children

- Whose law should we remember?
- Where can we keep God's words?

Prayer Prompt

God of the Word, help us remember and obey Your commands with willing hearts. Amen.

Tuesday

Scripture: Malachi 4:5

Questions for Reflection

- Who is Elijah, and what does his coming before the great day mean?
- How does God's warning show both mercy and urgency?
- Where do you need to respond to God's call today?
- How will you prepare your heart for the Lord's coming?

Questions for Children

- Who will God send before the big day?
- How can we get ready for God?

Prayer Prompt

Lord, send Your messenger to stir our hearts. Prepare us to meet You with repentance and faith. Amen.

Wednesday

Scripture: Malachi 4:6a

Questions for Reflection

- What does turning hearts of fathers to children and children to fathers mean?
- Why is reconciliation central to God's work?
- Whom do you need to seek peace with this week?
- What first step will you take toward reconciliation?

Questions for Children

- Whose hearts does God want to bring together?
- How can we be kind at home?

Prayer Prompt

Reconciling God, turn our hearts toward one another. Restore peace in our homes and church. Amen.

Thursday

Scripture: Malachi 4:6b

Questions for Reflection

- Why does God warn about 'striking the land with a decree of utter destruction'?
- How does this warning motivate repentance and unity?
- Where do you sense God calling for change of heart?
- How will you respond with humility today?

Questions for Children

- What happens if people won't listen to God?
- How can we say we're sorry and obey?

Prayer Prompt

Holy God, spare us by turning our hearts back to You. Grant us humility and unity. Amen.

Friday

Scripture: Malachi 4:4-6 (summary)

Questions for Reflection

- How do remembering God's Word, expecting His coming, and seeking reconciliation lead to a changed heart?
- What commitments will you carry forward after this series?
- Where do you need to keep watch for God's work and respond?
- Who can you encourage to pursue a changed heart with you?

Questions for Children

- What three things did we learn: remember, get ready, and be kind?
- How will we follow God this weekend?

Prayer Prompt

Lord, seal these truths in us. Change our hearts to remember, prepare, and reconcile in Your strength. Amen.