

# **OVERRULED: God's Certain Justice**

**(Malachi 2:17-3:6)**

## **Introduction**

A) Most of you have been treated unfairly, unjustly, or taken advantage of at some point in your life. Whether it was the coach's kid getting an unfair advantage, the teacher's pet getting a pass, an employer favoring another employee, or another person not being held accountable, you've experienced injustice.

Maybe you know of situations in which people feel privileged, untouchable, or above the law and they get away with wrongdoing.

Maybe you have been taken advantage of by a product manufacturer, a business, or when making a large purchase.

B) What is our first reaction? Where's the justice? Where is the fairness? Won't someone do something?

C) Sometimes, we feel like God is distant or passive in these situations. He promised to care and protect His people, but he doesn't seem to handle the situations as we think he should.

D) Contextualize **OVERRULED** (the series)

E) Contextualize Malachi 2:17-3:6.

## **I. Israel's Frustration With God**

**A) Pleasure in Evil**

**B) Pleased with Heathen**

### **C) Passive In Judgment**

## **II. God's Plan to Deal With Sin And Sinners**

**God has promised to deal with sin and sinners**

### **A) Signaled (3:1a)**

(God's manner of justice is often different than or own.)

### **B) Swift (3:1b)**

(Currently, God's justice is tempered with his mercy. *God's first coming was for salvation. His second coming will be for damnation.*)

### **C) Sure (3:1c)**

(God's timetable for justice is often different than man's timetable for justice.)

### **D) Thorough (3:2a)**

(Be careful of calling for judgment on other, it might involve you.)

### **E) Purifying (3:2b-4)**

(For the believer, injustice and other suffering is for the purpose of purification.)

### **F) Sentencing (3:5)**

(Jesus' first coming is for salvation and His second coming for damnation.)

## **Conclusion**