**A Question of God’s Justice**

**GOD’S JUSTICE DOUBTED – Malachi 2:17**

 **1. God’s Justice is Doubted When He Doesn’t Judge When We Think He Should Judge**

* **Don’t forget God’s gracious patience – Rom. 2:4-5**
* **Don’t forget God’s timeless existence - 2 Peter 3:8-9**

 **2. God’s Justice is Doubted When He Doesn’t Fulfill His Promises When We Think He**

 **Should Fulfill His Promises**

**GOD’S JUSTICE DETAILED – Malachi 3:1-5**

**Identifying the Characters:**

* **“my messenger, and he will prepare the way before me” = John the Baptist**

“John is the man to whom the Scriptures refer when they say, ‘Look, I am sending my messenger ahead of you, and he will prepare your way before you.’” - Matthew 11:10

* **“the Lord (Adonai) you are seeking will suddenly come to his Temple. The messenger of the covenant” = Messiah**

 **1. Through the Promised Messiah**

 **2. Through the Powerful Messiah**

“But who will be able to endure it when he comes? Who will be able to stand and face him when he appears? - Malachi 3:2

* **He will purify – Malachi 3:2-4**
* **He will punish – Malachi 3:5**

**GOD’S JUSTICE DETERMINED – Malachi 3:6**

**The determined unchanging character of God assures His justice.**

**What Do We Learn From This?**

* **Check Your Shoes**
* **Trust Your God**