

**Title: Digging for Gold**  
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**a: The ultimate Gold Digger**

**Malachi 3**

<sup>1</sup> “Behold, I send My messenger,  
And he will prepare the way before Me. And the Lord, whom you seek, will suddenly  
come to His temple,  
even the Messenger of the covenant,  
in whom you delight. Behold, He is coming,” Says the Lord of hosts.<sup>2</sup> “But who can  
endure the day of His coming? And who can stand when He appears? For He *is* like a  
refiner’s fire and like launderers’ soap.  
<sup>3</sup> He will sit as a refiner and a purifier of silver; He will purify the sons of Levi,  
And purge them as gold and silver,  
That they may offer to the Lord an offering in righteousness. <sup>4</sup>“Then the offering of  
Judah and Jerusalem will be pleasant to the Lord, as in the days of old, as in former  
years.

**b: Words that hurt Him**

**Malachi 3**

<sup>13</sup> “Your words have been harsh against Me,” Says the Lord, “Yet you say, ‘What have  
we spoken against You?’  
<sup>14</sup> You have said, ‘It is useless to serve God;  
What profit *is it* that we have kept His ordinance, and that we have walked as  
mourners before the Lord of hosts?  
<sup>15</sup> So now we call the proud blessed,  
For those who do wickedness are raised up; they even tempt God and go free.’

**c: Words that bless Him**

**Malachi 3**

<sup>16</sup> Then those who feared the Lord spoke to one another, and the Lord listened and  
heard them; so a book of remembrance was written before Him for those who fear  
the Lord and who meditate on His name. <sup>17</sup> “They shall be Mine,” says the Lord of  
hosts, “On the day that I make them My jewels. And I will spare them as a man spares  
his own son who serves him.  
<sup>18</sup> Then you shall again discern between the righteous and the wicked,  
Between one who serves God and one who does not serve Him .”

**d: The treasure above**

**1 Peter 1**

<sup>3</sup> Blessed *be* the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, who according to His  
abundant mercy has begotten us again to a living hope through the resurrection of  
Jesus Christ from the dead, <sup>4</sup> to an inheritance incorruptible and undefiled and that  
does not fade away, reserved in heaven for you, <sup>5</sup> who are kept by the power of God  
through faith for salvation ready to be revealed in the last time.

## The treasure inside

### 1 Peter 1

<sup>6</sup> In this you greatly rejoice, though now for a little while, if need be, you have been grieved by various trials, <sup>7</sup> that the genuineness of your faith, *being* much more precious than gold that perishes, though it is tested by fire, may be found to praise, honor, and glory at the revelation of Jesus Christ,

<sup>8</sup> whom having not seen you love. Though now you do not see *Him*, yet believing, you rejoice with joy inexpressible and full of glory, <sup>9</sup> receiving the end of your faith—the salvation of *your* souls.