

Connections between James 5 and Malachi



One of the greatest of Old Testament Prophets was the man Malachi. His name means “My Messenger” (Mal 1:1; 3:1), and as such, his words were always “in the Name of the Lord”. His plea to the nation of Israel bears a marked similarity to the words of James, perhaps indicating that James draws from, and alludes to the words of Malachi, not just in this verse, but throughout the rest of his Epistle. See the chart below.

JAMES	MALACHI
1:17 - No variableness.	3:6 - I am the Lord, I change not.
1:27 - The fatherless and the widows in their affliction.	3:5 - The widow and the fatherless.
4:4 - Adulterers.	3:5 - Adulterers.
4:8 - Draw nigh to God, and He will draw nigh to you.	3:7 - Return unto me, and I will return unto you.
5:1 - Weep and howl.	2:13 - Tears, weeping, crying out.
5:3 - Your gold and silver is cankered.	3:3 - Purge them as gold and silver.
5:3 - A witness against you.	3:5 - A swift witness against.
5:3 - Eat your flesh as it were fire.	3:2; 4:1 - Like a refiner's fire... Shall burn them up.
5:4 - The hire of the labourers...kept back by fraud.	3:5 - Those that oppress the hireling in his wages.
5:4 - The Lord of Sabaoth.	3:7 - Saith the Lord of Hosts.
5:8,9 - The coming of the Lord draweth nigh... The judge standeth before the door.	3:1;4:1-2 - The Lord...shall suddenly come to his Temple... The day cometh... The sun of righteousness (shall) arise.