

THE SUN OF RIGHTEOUSNESS

Malachi 4:2

I. His Resemblance to the Sun.

- A. Prominence in the firmament.
Center of the Solar System. Ps. 84:11
- B. Source of light and heat for all. Mt. 5:45
- C. Ecclesiastes 11:7 - sight gives pleasure and cheer
- D. Rev. 22:16 - the bright and morning star.

II. His Righteous Personality

- A. Sun worshiped by heathen
- B. God commanded not to worship sun. Deut. 4:19
- C. Jer. 23:6 - "This is his name whereby he shall be called: the Lord our Righteousness."
- D. I Cor. 1:30 - made unto us righteousness.

III. His Rising Appearance

- A. Magnificence of beautiful sunrise
- B. Luke 1:78 - "dayspring" = "sun-rising" - At His birth.
- C. At His glorious Resurrection.
- D. When He rises before the eyes of our soul.
- E. His Second Coming.

IV. His Restorative Power

- A. To those that fear His name. (see Malachi 3:16)
- B. Healing in His wings. Isa. 53:4-5; Mt. 8:17; II Pet. 2:24
- C. Healing for body and soul.
- D. His millennial peace will heal the nations' troubles.
- E. The rays of this sun are gospel truth & Holy Spirit.

V. His Retribution of Judgment

- A. The same sun that softens the way ^{the clay} hardens
- B. The same sun sends gentle warmth and also sends scorching heat. (see v.1)
- C. ch. 3:18 - He shall discern between righteous & wicked.
- D. The Sun of Righteousness every where invigorates the seeds of righteousness, and withers or dries up the seeds of sin.

Conclusion: Mt. 13:43 - "then shall the righteous shine as the sun in the kingdom of their Father."