

He Sees. He Hears. He Remembers.

As another school year begins, educators are surrounded by a variety of voices. Some are filled with excitement and anticipation while others reflect frustration, negativity, or discouragement. In the middle of all those voices, it can be easy to wonder whether our words and actions really matter. Malachi reminds us that they do and that God is fully aware.

Read [Malachi 3:16](#).

In the proceeding verses some individuals were complaining that God had forgotten them because evil people were prospering. ***Who began speaking to each other, and who was listening?***

Have you ever been surrounded by negativity? How might this verse guide your response?

It is a bit unnerving to think that our words and actions might be recorded somewhere! Most scholars believe Malachi was using the “book of remembrance” as a metaphor. The people would have understood this picture because Persian kings kept records of those who had faithfully served so they could be recognized and rewarded. However, God doesn’t need a book to keep track of our deeds. He sees everything. This truth is such an encouragement as we begin a new school year! The conversations we have, the reassurance we offer, and the ways we respond when others are discouraged all matter to Him. That is one reason it is so important to surround ourselves with other believers who will urge us to remain faithful.

Read [Malachi 3:17](#).

Who is Malachi referring to when he says “they”? What is God’s timeline? When will they be spared and declared His “special possession”?

Do you ever wonder if your faithfulness is making a difference? Malachi reminds us that faithful service may continue for years without any apparent reward, but God is taking note. As you begin this school year, know that you are not serving unnoticed. God sees the choices no one else recognizes, hears the conversations no one else hears, and remembers the faithfulness no one else applauds. Choose your words carefully. Surround yourself with people who will point you toward Christ. Let your voice bring encouragement rather than add to negativity. When you wonder whether what you are doing matters, remember Malachi 3:16–17.

Father, as we begin another school year, help us to be mindful of the words we speak and of the people whose company we keep. When negativity surrounds us, give us wisdom to respond in ways that honor You. Help us encourage others, remain faithful when our efforts seem unnoticed, and trust that You see every act of service. May our classrooms, offices, meetings, and conversations reflect Your presence. Thank You for reminding us that nothing we do for You is ever wasted. Amen.

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