

Ye Have Wearied The Lord With Your Words

I. Introduction: Have you ever been “tired of hearing it?”

A. Often, people mistakingly think that God has an unawareness of what is being said and done in this world (**Ezekiel 9:9-10**).

1. He is watching (**Psalms 33:13-15** and **Proverbs 5:21**).
2. Though sin keeps God from the prayers of sinners, it does not make him deaf (**Isaiah 59:1-2**).

B. Often, people think that God is not going to do anything about their sins (**Ezekiel 8:12**).

1. The longsuffering nature of God exists to bring about repentance (**Romans 2:4**).
2. His grace is not in place for people to seek an advantage in sin against God (**Romans 6:1-2; 6:14-15**).
3. Yet, the appearance of “getting away with it” emboldens sinners (**Ecclesiastes 8:11**).

II. Body: **Malachi 2:17**

A. God gets tired of some people (**Psalms 95:7-11, Isaiah 1:11-20, and Isaiah 43:24**).

1. It is not that God gets some sort of physical exhaustion (**Isaiah 40:28**).
2. It is that their sinfulness had been so often, so long (**Deuteronomy 9:7**); God was just plain old fed up with it (**Numbers 14:11** and **Jeremiah 4:14**).

B. God’s examination of the words of men (**Matthew 12:33-37**).

1. God long ago promised judgment on words against Him (**Jude 1:14-16**).
2. Consider some words from a Psalm: **Psalms 94:1-11; 94:23**

C. Instead of accepting God’s word, they questioned Him (**Malachi 1:1-2, Malachi 1:6-7, Malachi 2:14, and Malachi 3:8**).

1. Who art thou that repliest against God (**Romans 9:20-21**)?
2. When Elihu rebuked Job, he pointed out that God does NOT give an account to man (**Job 33:12-13**).
3. Can we be humble enough to accept that His ways cannot be searched out; cannot be comprehended (**Romans 11:25-36**)?

D. Their words justified those that did evil, which doesn’t sit well with our God (**Proverbs 17:15**).

1. God WILL NOT justify the wicked (**Exodus 23:7**).
2. It has long been a problem that the wicked get strengthened through false words (**Ezekiel 13:22-23**).

III. Conclusion: For any that question “Where is the God of judgment?”... You’ll see (**Isaiah 5:18-19, Zephaniah 1:12, II Peter 3:1-14; cf. Mark 13:33-37**).