

# Looking Ahead

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**Malachi 3:1 - [The Coming of the Messenger of the Promise ] “I’m going to send my messenger, and he will clear the way ahead of me. Then the Lord you are looking for will suddenly come to his temple. The messenger of the promise will come. He is the one you want,” says the Lord of Armies.**

**Proverbs 4:25 - Let your eyes look straight ahead and your sight be focused in front of you.**

**Philippians 3:12-14 - It’s not that I’ve already reached the goal or have already completed the course. But I run to win that which Jesus Christ has already won for me. <sup>13</sup> Brothers and sisters, I can’t consider myself a winner yet. This is what I do: I don’t look back, I lengthen my stride, and <sup>14</sup> I run straight toward the goal to win the prize that God’s heavenly call offers in Christ Jesus.**

Happy New Year!

Alicia had a word for me yesterday about a song that I wrote a while back. It’s entitled “Malachi” and it’s a song about being messengers for the Lord – that the Lord is always looking for ways to use us and for someone to share in His work here on earth. Yes, we know that! When I shared this with my husband, Gary, he said he had just been thinking about that with the circle of friends that we have made so far here in Florida. What kind of message are we sending to the new community we have moved into...

I’m a visionary... that’s part of how the Lord works with me, He gives me visions and then I explain them and as I explain them the Lord reveals His heart. It took me a long time to start doing this in boldness and this gift has grown more and more over the years thanks to a circle of loved ones around me who have given me grace in honing the gift! It’s not always easy to explain what you see in your head! When someone tries to explain to me what they are seeing and they start using their hands, I get lost! I’m trying... I need to see it on paper or a picture on the internet, lol! Draw me something!

Anyway – all this to say as I was typing this the Lord shared a vision with me of a person walking looking down so as not to fall with any new thing that might be in the way. The problem was that they were worrying so much about not falling that they weren’t enjoying the walk!

As we walk into 2017, I pray that each of us will start to trust the Lord more and step out in faith more and believe that God will meet us and lead us and that He will show us a lot more as we will have eyes to see more clearly because our heads won’t always be down – they will be gazing on the Lord Jesus Christ and guess what that gazing on Him will do?

It will mirror to those around us and people will start to see that if we are trusting God, they can too! Trust me – I wanna call out that crack in the sidewalk and that water spill on the cement floor or that piece of wood in the road just as much as the next person, but sometimes we need to look up and get the kink out of our neck long enough to see that someone is coming with a mop and bucket, or right beyond that crack there's a solid spot to put my foot, or that just up ahead is my exit that I can't miss.

**Look ahead, stay alert, be ready to listen and slow to speak, be ready to love unconditionally and TRUST GOD more in 2017. <3**



Rough Draft - Malachi.m4a

**VERY ROUGH DRAFT of “Malachi” ~ Be blessed**

## **Lyrics to Malachi**

Oh that there were one among you to take  
a stand and bring glory unto My name  
What is it that you are holding? Should I receive it as your offering to the King of Kings?

My covenant is life! Walk with Me in peace.  
Seek to do what's right. Turn from iniquity.  
STAY pure and humble, walk straight don't stumble  
love your brother don't be partial. Bring Me honor,  
be My messenger~~

Why ya holdin' back the gift I've given?  
Guard your spirit, step up in faith and trust in Me!  
You are my treasured possession, I will rise with healing in My wings!

Messenger  
Messenger  
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