

Series: Living Excellent Lives  
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### God's Final Words

1. I have sent \_\_\_\_\_ - \_\_\_\_\_

Galatians 3:23-26; Romans 7:7

2. I will send \_\_\_\_\_ - \_\_\_\_\_

Luke 1:17; Matthew 11:13-15; 1 Kings 19:14-18

3. I will send \_\_\_\_\_

### The Silence of Heaven

1. God may be \_\_\_\_\_ but he has not \_\_\_\_\_.

Galatians 4:4-5

2. You live within a larger \_\_\_\_\_.

1 Corinthians 10:1-11; 1 Peter 1:10-12

3. God may be \_\_\_\_\_ for \_\_\_\_\_.

**Malachi 460 BC**

1492  
Columbus

Antiochus Epiphanes 167 BC  
Altar torn down 164 BC

I Maccabees 134 BC

1776  
Declaration of  
Independence

1861  
Civil War

Jesus Born 5 AD

**John the Baptist 30 AD**  
Jesus Crucified 33 AD

1939  
World War 2

Josephus 97 AD 2011 Today

## HEARING AND DOING

*Each week this section will provide next steps for going deeper with the sermon material, as well as preparing for discussion in your Grow Group. Bring this sheet with you to your group meeting.*

1. The book of Malachi ends with a note of hope and the promise of judgment. God would send another prophet before the Day of the Lord, who would seek to turn people back to God. Why did he do this? Why not simply judge the whole world for their sin? Read each text to find elements of God's motive for holding back judgment.

Text	Motive
Romans 5:6-11	
Genesis 15:14-16	
2 Peter 3:9,15	
Romans 2:4-5	
Romans 9:22-23	

2. Malachi is the last book of the Old Testament. Let's say that the manuscripts of the Old Testament were somehow lost to us in ancient history, and all that we have is the New Testament. How would that change your faith? How might it change your view of God? Write down a few points that you think would be lost if we only read the New Testament.