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"LIFT UP YOUR EYES, AND LOOK ON THE FIELDS; FOR THEY ARE WHITE ALREADY TO HARVEST." — JOHN 4:35

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"But unto you that fear my name shall the Sun of righteousness arise with healing in his wings; and ye shall go forth, and grow up as calves of the stall. And ye shall tread down the wicked; for they shall be ashes under the soles of your feet in the day that I shall do this, saith the Lord of hosts." Malachi 4:2, 3 Friends, here are the words of the prophet Malachi and a prophesy concerning Christ our Lord which was foretold some 460 years before Christ. For this broadcast and perhaps the next one, too, I want to use the time to show some of the prophecies concerning the coming of the Saviour and then the scriptures directly relating to the fulfillment of those prophecies as they pertain to Christ. But before we go into that listen to this poem:

HARK! THOSE HOLY VOICES

Hark! what mean those holy voices
Sweetly sounding through the skies?
Lo! the angelic host rejoices;
Heavenly hallelulahs rise.

Hear them tell the wondrous story,
Hear them chant in hymns of joy:
"Glory in the highest, glory!
Glory be to God most high!

"Peace on earth, good will from heaven.
Reaching far as man is found!
Souls redeemed, and sins forgiven!
Loud our golden harps shall sound.

"Christ is born, the great Anointed;
Heaven and earth his praises sing!
Oh, receive whom God appointed
For your Prophet, Priest, and King!

"Haste, ye mortals, to adore him;
Learn his name, and taste his joy;
Till in heaven ye sing before him,
'Glory be to God most high!'"

Notice particularly that this scripture in Malachi mentions "the Sun of righteousness arise with healing in his wings;" We believe that the Sun of righteousness is Jesus Christ.

There is much speculation as to when Christ was born. We understand that a certain catalogue gives no less than 136 different opinions concerning the year of Christ's birth, and as to his birthday, that has been placed by sects and creeds and learned men in every month in the year. It was under the reign of Pope Julius I as head of the Catholic church when the date of Dec. 25 was established. However, Adam Clarke, the noted commentary, estimates that it was not Dec. 25 at all on which Christ was born since the shepherds were still in the field keeping watch over the flocks by night and therefore it was likely not later than Sept. in which our Lord was born.

But be that as it may, friends. This

