

#MALACHISERIES

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# I HAVE LOVED YOU

## Malachi 1:1-5

<sup>1</sup> This is the message that the LORD gave to Israel through the prophet Malachi.

The LORD's Love for Israel

<sup>2</sup> "I have always loved you," says the LORD.

But you retort, "Really? How have you loved us?"

And the LORD replies, "This is how I showed my love for you: I loved your ancestor Jacob, <sup>3</sup> but I rejected his brother, Esau, and devastated his hill country.

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I turned Esau's inheritance into a desert for jackals."

<sup>4</sup> Esau's descendants in Edom may say, "We have been shattered, but we will rebuild the ruins." But the LORD of Heaven's Armies replies, "They may try to rebuild, but I will demolish them again. Their country will be known as 'The Land of Wickedness,' and their people will be called 'The People with Whom the LORD Is Forever Angry.' <sup>5</sup> When you see the destruction for

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**yourselves, you will say, ‘Truly, the LORD’s greatness reaches far beyond Israel’s borders!’”**

## **Alien Wives**

### **Malachi 2:11**

**Judah has been unfaithful, and a detestable thing has been done in Israel and in Jerusalem. The men of Judah have defiled the LORD's beloved sanctuary by marrying women who worship idols.**

# Withholding Tithes

## Malachi 3:8

“Should people cheat God? Yet you have cheated me! “But you ask, ‘What do you mean? When did we ever cheat you?’ “You have cheated me of the tithes and offerings due to me.



# Illegitimate Divorce

**Malachi 2:15-16.**

**Didn't the LORD make you one with your wife? In body and spirit you are his. And what does he want? Godly children from your union. So guard your heart; remain loyal to the wife of your youth. 16 "For I hate divorce!" says the LORD, the God of Israel. "To divorce your wife is to overwhelm her with cruelty," says the LORD of Heaven's Armies. "So guard your heart; do not be unfaithful to your wife."**

# Neglect of Temple Service

Malachi 1:12-13

“But you dishonor my name with your actions. By bringing contemptible food, you are saying it’s all right to defile the Lord’s table. <sup>13</sup> You say, ‘It’s too hard to serve the LORD,’ and you turn up your noses at my commands,” says the LORD of Heaven’s Armies. “Think of it! Animals that are stolen and crippled and sick are being presented as offerings! Should I accept from you such offerings as these?” asks the LORD.

***Malachi came at a time when  
God's people needed to return  
to Him.***

***The real issue in this book is  
not whether God loved them,  
but how He could love them?***

# GOD'S LOVE IS A PERSISTENT LOVE

**Malachi 1:2**

**“I have always loved you,” says  
the LORD.**

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**You need to understand today that God's love for you is a persistent love, that will not quit, and is very real, despite the fact that you may be going through difficult times or difficult circumstances that would lead you to believe otherwise.**

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## Romans 8:35-39

**“Can anything ever separate us from Christ’s love? Does it mean he no longer loves us if we have trouble or calamity, or are persecuted, or hungry, or destitute, or in danger, or threatened with death? (As the Scriptures say, “For your sake we are killed every day; we are being slaughtered like**

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## Romans 8:35-39

sheep.”) No, despite all these things, overwhelming victory is ours through Christ, who loved us. And I am convinced that nothing can ever separate us from God's love. Neither death nor life, neither angels nor demons, neither our fears for today nor our worries about tomorrow—



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not even the powers of hell can separate us from God's love. No power in the sky above or in the earth below—indeed, nothing in all creation will ever be able to separate us from the love of God that is revealed in Christ Jesus our Lord.”

# GOD'S LOVE IS A PURPOSEFUL LOVE

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**“I have always loved you,” says the LORD.**

**But you retort, “Really? How have you loved us?”**

**And the LORD replies, “This is how I showed my love for you: I loved your ancestor Jacob,**

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*God's love for you and me is such that He has a purposeful, meaningful, life planned for each and every one of us.*

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**Psalms 149:4**

**For the LORD delights in his  
people; he crowns the humble  
with victory.**

# GOD'S LOVE IS A PASSIONATE LOVE

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And the LORD replies, “This is how I showed my love for you: I loved your ancestor Jacob, but I rejected his brother, Esau, and devastated his hill country. I turned Esau’s inheritance into a desert for jackals.” 4 Esau’s descendants in Edom may say, “We have been shattered, but we will rebuild

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**the ruins.” But the LORD of Heaven’s Armies replies, “They may try to rebuild, but I will demolish them again. Their country will be known as ‘The Land of Wickedness,’ and their people will be called ‘The People with Whom the LORD Is Forever Angry.’**

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*God is sovereign, and He alone determines the purpose for each of our lives.*

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## Romans 9:10-16

<sup>10</sup> This son was our ancestor Isaac. When he married Rebekah, she gave birth to twins. <sup>11</sup> But before they were born, before they had done anything good or bad, she received a message from God. (This message shows that God chooses people according to his own purposes; <sup>12</sup> he calls



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people, but not according to their good or bad works.) She was told, “Your older son will serve your younger son.”<sup>13</sup> In the words of the Scriptures, “I loved Jacob, but I rejected Esau.”

<sup>14</sup> Are we saying, then, that God was unfair? Of course not!<sup>15</sup> For God said to Moses, “I will

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**Romans 9:10-16**

**show mercy to anyone I choose, and I will show compassion to anyone I choose.”<sup>16</sup> So it is God who decides to show mercy. We can neither choose it nor work for it.**

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**“God allows adversity into our life to turn our attention to Him. And while it can be painful to endure, it leads us into a deeper relationship with Him and saves us from future destruction. If you hear the Lord ‘pounding’ through adversity in your life, respond quickly by opening the door to Him.”**  
**- Charles Stanley**

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*God has a sovereign purpose for each of us today. But it can only be fulfilled as we accept His love as revealed in the person of Christ.*

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**Ephesians 2:10**

**For we are God's masterpiece. He has created us anew in Christ Jesus, so we can do the good things he planned for us long ago.**

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**“Walk away from your own  
preoccupations . . . and see the  
perishing multitudes.” –**

**K.P. Yohannan (Gospel for Asia)**

***AGNOSTIC?***  
***ATHEISTIC?***  
***ACCEPTING?***



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