

GOD'S UNCHANGING LOVE

AS SEEN THROUGH MALACHI'S EYES



Malachi 1

The <u>oracle</u> of the word of the LORD to Israel by Malachi.

The LORD's Love for Israel

² "I have loved you," says the LORD. But you say, "How have you loved us?" "Is not Esau Jacob's brother?" declares the LORD. "Yet I have loved Jacob ³ but Esau I have hated. I have laid waste his hill country and left his heritage to jackals of the desert."



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⁴ If Edom says, "We are shattered but we will rebuild the ruins," the LORD of hosts says, "They may build, but I will tear down, and they will be called 'the wicked country,' and 'the people with whom the LORD is angry forever." ⁵ Your own eyes shall see this, and you shall say, "Great is the LORD beyond the border of Israel!"



The Nature of God's Love

Everlasting: "His love endures forever!"

Ps 135

>Personal: "I have loved Jacob..." v2b

Sacrificial: "But when this Priest..."

Heb 10:11-14



The Nature of God's Love

- ➤ Unconditional: "He was despised and rejected..." Isi 53
- Sovereign: Love and Justice in perfect balance! v3-5



Our Response to God's Love

Evidence of God's Universal Love:

The Cross of Christ: Jn 3:16

➤ Man`s Response:
Bowed heads & Turned backs!



Our Response to God's Love

Evidence of God's Election Love:

Rom 8...

PResponse of God's people:

2 "I have always loved you," says the LORD.

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



How will others know that I have Responsed to God's Love?!

"Love each other as I have loved you. Greater love has no man than this that he lay down his life for his friends!"

Jn 15:12,13

"Perfect love <u>drives out all fear</u>"

1 Jn 4:18