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## Malachi

### God's Love Is a Matter of Grace

Malachi 1:1-3

<sup>1</sup> A pronouncement: The word of the LORD to Israel through Malachi. <sup>2</sup> **"I have loved you,"** says the LORD. Yet you ask, **"How have you loved us?"** <sup>3</sup> **"Wasn't Esau Jacob's brother?"** This is the LORD's declaration. **"Even so, I loved Jacob, but I hated Esau.** I turned his mountains into a wasteland, and gave his inheritance to the desert jackals."

**God Isn't Speaking About Two Individuals  
He's Talking About Two Nations**

The Descendants of Jacob, The Nation of Israel, Accepted God's Love  
The Descendants of Esau, The Nation of Edom, Rejected God's Love

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### God Hates the Sin of Divorce

Malachi 2:13-16

<sup>13</sup> This is another thing you do. You are covering the LORD's altar with tears, with weeping and groaning, because he no longer respects your offerings or receives them gladly from your hands. <sup>14</sup> And you ask, **"Why?"** Because even though **the LORD has been a witness between you and the wife of your youth,** you have acted treacherously against her. She was your marriage partner and your wife by covenant. <sup>15</sup> **Didn't God make them one** and give them a portion of spirit? What is the one seeking? Godly offspring. So watch yourselves carefully, so that no one acts treacherously against the wife of his youth. <sup>16</sup> **"If he hates and divorces his wife,"** says the LORD God of Israel, **"he covers his garment with injustice,"** says the LORD of Armies. Therefore, watch yourselves carefully, and do not act treacherously.

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### God Is Disrespected When You Don't Tithe

Malachi 1:8

When you present **a blind animal for sacrifice,** is it not wrong? And when you present **a lame or sick animal,** is it not wrong? Bring it to your governor! Would he be pleased with you or show you favor?" asks the LORD of Armies.

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Malachi 3:8-12

<sup>8</sup> **"Will a man rob God?"** Yet you are robbing me!" **"How do we rob you?"** you ask. **"By not making the payments of the tenth and the contributions."** <sup>9</sup> You are suffering under a curse, yet you—the whole nation—are still robbing me. <sup>10</sup> Bring **the full tenth** into the storehouse so that there may be food in my house. **Test me in this way,"** says the LORD of Armies. **"See if I will not open the floodgates of heaven and pour out a blessing for you without measure."** <sup>11</sup> I will rebuke the devourer for you, so that it will not ruin the produce of your land and your vine in your field will not fail to produce fruit," says the LORD of Armies. <sup>12</sup> "Then all the nations will consider you fortunate, for you will be a delightful land," says the LORD of Armies.


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### God Blesses Those Who Honor Him

Malachi 3:16-17

<sup>16</sup> At that time those who feared the LORD **spoke to one another.** The LORD took notice and listened. So **a book of remembrance was written before him for those who feared the LORD and had high regard for his name.** <sup>17</sup> **"They will be mine,"** says the LORD of Armies, **"my own possession on the day I am preparing. I will have compassion on them as a man has compassion on his son who serves him."**

Say Cheese 

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### God Will Reward the Righteous

Malachi 4:1-2

<sup>1</sup> “For look, the day is coming, burning like a furnace, when all the arrogant and everyone who commits wickedness will become stubble. The coming day will consume them,” says the LORD of Armies, “not leaving them root or branches.” <sup>2</sup> But for you who fear my name, the sun of righteousness will rise with healing in its wings, and you will go out and playfully jump like calves from the stall.



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### God Will Reward the Righteous

Luke 6:22-23

<sup>22</sup> Blessed are you when people hate you, when they exclude you, insult you, and slander your name as evil because of the Son of Man. <sup>23</sup> Rejoice in that day and leap for joy. Take note—your reward is great in heaven, for this is the way their ancestors used to treat the prophets.



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