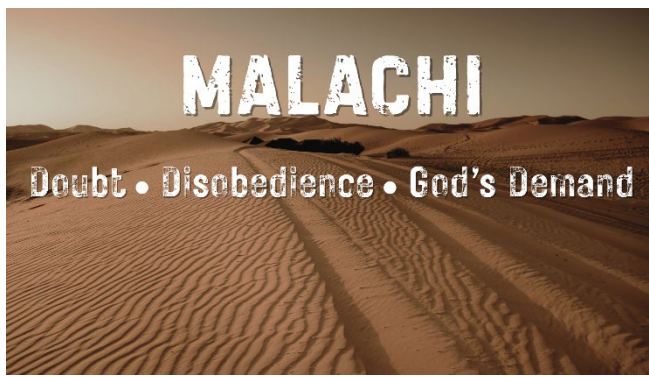




MALACHI
“Doubting God’s Love”
Malachi 1:1-5
November 16, 2025

Read [Malachi 1:1-5](#)

The Lord’s deliverer (messenger)

The Author – Malachi – name meant My messenger

The Audience: nation of Judah (southern kingdom)

The Age: post-exilic timeframe -5th century B.C.

The Aim: The asking Israelites & the answering Lord

The Lord’s declaration – I have loved you [Vs 2a](#)

[“I have always loved you.” NLT](#)

[Deuteronomy 4:37; 10:14-15; Jeremiah 31:2-3](#)

The people’s doubt – how have You loved us? [Vs 2b](#)

The Lord’s demonstration – the proof is clearly given [Vs 2c-5](#)

✓ **I chose you** [Vs 2c](#)

[Deuteronomy 7:7-8; Genesis 25:21-23; Romans 9:10-13](#)

✓ **I rejected Esau** [Vs 3](#)

[Obadiah 8-14](#)

✓ **I have blessed you** [Vs 4](#)

[Ezekiel 36:23; 37:28; 39:7; 1 Peter 2:9](#)

✓ **I will show you** [Vs 5](#)

[Titus 4:4-7; 1 John 4:9-10; Romans 5:5-8; Ephesians 1:3-6](#)

Our Response:

- 1) Why do you think Israel questioned God's love after all He had done for them? When have you doubted God's love? What helped you see it again clearly?
- 2) How can you guard your heart from becoming cynical or questioning God's goodness, like Israel did? How might you encourage someone who is struggling to believe God truly loves them?
- 3) What does God's choice of Jacob over Esau reveal about His sovereignty and grace? How does this passage remind us that God's love is rooted in His covenant, not our merit?
- 4) How does Edom's prideful attempt to rebuild reflect human rebellion against God's sovereignty? Why does God oppose the proud who try to establish their strength apart from Him?
- 5) How might Israel's recognition—"Great is the Lord beyond the border of Israel"—reflect God's global purpose? What would it look like for your life to proclaim, "Great is the Lord beyond the borders"—to make His greatness known to the world?