



SERMON NOTES

May 5, 2019

Scripture: Malachi 1:1-6 (NAS)

"I Have Love You"

- 1 The oracle of the word of the LORD to Israel through Malachi.
- 2 "I have loved you," says the LORD. But you say, "How have You loved us?" "Was not Esau Jacob's brother?" declares the LORD. "Yet I have loved Jacob;
- 3 but I have hated Esau, and I have made his mountains a desolation and appointed his inheritance for the jackals of the wilderness."
- 4 Though Edom says, "We have been beaten down, but we will return and build up the ruins"; thus says the LORD of hosts, "They may build, but I will tear down; and men will call them the wicked territory, and the people toward whom the LORD is indignant forever."
- 5 Your eyes will see this and you will say, "The LORD be magnified beyond the border of Israel!"
- 6 " 'A son honors his father, and a servant his master. Then if I am a father, where is My honor? And if I am a master, where is My respect?' says the LORD of hosts to you, O priests who despise My name. But you say, 'How have we despised Your name?'

I. INTRO TO THE BOOK

- A. Malachi's Name Means "My Messenger"
- B. Written 450 – 425 B.C.
- C. Exile Was Over
- D. Wall Of The City Rebuilt
- E. Temple Restored
- F. People Living In Disobedience
- G. Definition Of Oracle Or Burden
 1. The message of the Sovereign God is always weighty
 2. One often repeated
 3. Weighty because some reject it
 4. May be a light burden for those who receive it joyfully *Matthew 11:30*

II. OPEN MESSAGE, "I HAVE LOVED YOU"

- A. Prophet's Call To Fear The Lord *Malachi 1:6, 14; 2:15; 3:5*

B. The Doctrine Of Electing Love

1. Not only for the very mature in the faith
 - a. Malachi's audience were not great men of faith
 - b. Their response to God's declaration reveals their weakness
2. How do you respond to God's declaration of love to you?

II.ISRAEL'S QUESTION "HOW HAVE YOUR LOVED US?"

A. Message Repeated, "I Have Love You" In Answer

B. "Esau I Hated" – Strange Answer

1. Important question, "Was not Esau Jacob's brother?"
 - a. He was his brother
 - b. His older brother
 - c. But I choose to love you

C. Sovereign, Free Unconditional Electing Love

IV. GOD'S JUDGEMENT ON ESAU WHICH WE ALL DESERVE

- A. He Opposed Them vs. 3
- B. He Keeps On Opposing Them
- C. He Gave Them Over To Their Wickedness

RESPONSE: DO YOU TREMBLE BEFORE GOD'S LOVE TODAY?