

*It's All
About Love*

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1 The burden of the word of the LORD to Israel by Malachi.

2 I have loved you, saith the LORD. Yet ye say, Wherein hast thou loved us? Was not Esau Jacob's brother? saith the LORD: yet I loved Jacob,

3 And I hated Esau, and laid his mountains and his heritage waste for the dragons of the wilderness.

4 Whereas Edom saith, We are impoverished, but we will return and build the desolate places; thus saith the LORD of hosts, They shall build, but I will throw down; and they shall call them, The border of wickedness, and, The people against whom the LORD hath indignation for ever.

5 And your eyes shall see, and ye shall say, The LORD will be magnified from the border of Israel.

Introduction

A. Malachi = My Messenger

B. God is all about love

1 John 4:8-10

8 He that loveth not knoweth not God; for God is love.

9 In this was manifested the love of God toward us, because that God sent his only begotten Son into the world, that we might live through him.

10 Herein is love, not that we loved God, but that he loved us, and sent his Son to be the propitiation for our sins.

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C. We need to be all about love

Matthew 22:37-40

37 Jesus said unto him, Thou shalt love the Lord thy God with all thy heart, and with all thy soul, and with all thy mind.

38 This is the first and great commandment.

39 And the second is like unto it, Thou shalt love thy neighbour as thyself.

40 On these two commandments hang all the law and the prophets.

1 John 2:5

But whoso keepeth his word, in him verily is the love of God perfected: hereby know we that we are in him.

I. God Declares His Perfect Love to His People (vv 1-2)

A. God loves because it is His nature

1 Timothy 1:14

**And the grace of our Lord was exceeding abundant with
faith and love which is in Christ Jesus.**

B. God's love is sovereign

Romans 5:8

**But God commendeth his love toward us, in that, while
we were yet sinners, Christ died for us.**

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C. God's love is a covenant love

Jeremiah 31:3

The Lord hath appeared of old unto me, saying, Yea, I have loved thee with an everlasting love: therefore with lovingkindness have I drawn thee.

II. God Love Is Perfect in Judgment (vv 3-4)

Hebrews 12:16-17

16 Lest there be any fornicator, or profane person, as Esau, who for one morsel of meat sold his birthright.

17 For ye know how that afterward, when he would have inherited the blessing, he was rejected: for he found no place of repentance, though he sought it carefully with tears.

II. God Love Is Perfect in Judgment (vv 3-4)

A. Esau's judgment began with a bad decision

1. He despised his birthright

2. He despised the gift that would have been freely His

B. Esau's judgment led to a futile life

1. A picture of an poverty rather than abundance

2. A picture dissatisfaction

3. A picture of a cursed people

C. Esau's judgment was final

1. Due to spiritual blindness

2. Due to God's perfect justice

3. Due to God's total aversion to sin

III. God's Love Can Be Declared Through You

(v 5)

A. When we experience God's saving love our eyes are opened to the things of God

B. When we experience God's saving love our mouth will declare His love

C. When we experience God's saving love our life will prove our love

John 13:35

By this shall all men know that ye are my disciples, if ye have love one to another.

*Are We All
About God's Love?*