

WHERE IS THE LOVE?

A STUDY OF MALACHI'S BURDEN

WE DOUBT GOD'S LOVE

① when our expectations are unfulfilled

ISRAEL'S RETURN FROM EXILE



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Malachi = “my messenger”

Oracle = “a burden”

“to” NOT “against” His people

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Nehemiah 10

Promises

made:

- Marriage
- Sabbath
- Worship

Nehemiah 13

Promises

broken:

- Worship
- Sabbath
- Marriage

Malachi

Problems

addressed:

- Worship
- Marriage

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Principle:

We can't see God clearly
if we don't look at ourselves honestly

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- ③ when we overlook the evidence of His love
- God's gracious choice

Luke 14:26

“If anyone comes to Me, and does not hate his own father and mother and wife and children and brothers and sisters, yes, and even his own life, he cannot be My disciple.”

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Deuteronomy 7:6–7

“...the LORD your God has chosen you to be a people for His own possession out of all the peoples who are on the face of the earth. The LORD did not set His love on you nor choose you because you were more in number than any of the peoples, for you were the fewest of all peoples....”

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- ③ when we overlook the evidence of His love
- God's gracious choice
 - God's protection and preservation

Romans 5:8

But God demonstrates His own love toward us, in that while we were yet sinners, Christ died for us.

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