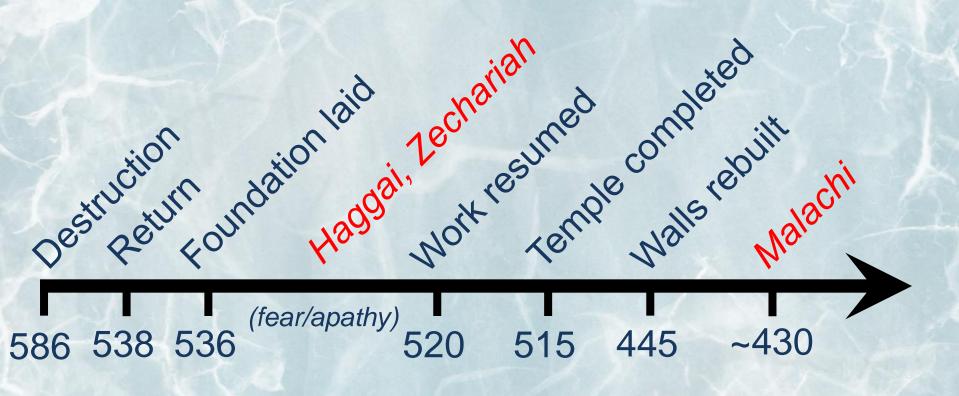
WHERE IS THE LOVE?

A STUDY OF MALACHI'S BURDEN

1) when our expectations are unfulfilled

ISRAEL'S RETURN FROM EXILE



1) when our expectations are unfulfilled

2 when we disregard our own responsibility

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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

2 when we disregard our own responsibility

Principle:

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

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

Luke 14:26

"If anyone comes to Me, and does not <u>hate</u> his own father and mother and wife and children and brothers and sisters, yes, and even his own life, he cannot be My disciple."

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

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...."

- (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.

4 when we fail to look beyond ourselves

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