



## Malachi: God's Indisputable Promises

God's Indisputable Love

Malachi 1:1-5

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Reboot – a \_\_\_\_\_ start inspired by \_\_\_\_\_ truths

Does your \_\_\_\_\_ need a reboot?

God's \_\_\_\_\_ is not \_\_\_\_\_, even when ours is.

### Revelation 2:4-5

“You have forsaken the love you had at first. Consider how far you have fallen! Repent and do the things you did at first.”

### ▶ Malachi 1:1 – Introduction to Malachi

- ▶ *Malachi* means “my messenger.”
- ▶ Part of the Minor Prophets in the Old Testament
- ▶ Likely written between 433-424 BC, during Nehemiah 13
- ▶ A series of disputes between father and son:
  - ▶ God says, “Here’s what’s \_\_\_\_\_.”
  - ▶ Israel says, “Oh yeah? \_\_\_\_\_?”
  - ▶ God presents \_\_\_\_\_.

### ▶ Malachi 1:2a – The First Dispute

- ▶ God says, “I have loved you.” (Romans 5:8, Ephesians 2:4-5, and John 3:16-17)
  - ▶ No sin can stand between you and your Father unless \_\_\_\_\_.
- ▶ Israel says, “Have have you loved us?”
  - ▶ Israel has fallen far from former glory (Ezra 3:8-13)

### ▶ Malachi 1:2b-5 – God’s evidence

- ▶ The fate of Edom
  - ▶ Descendants of Jacob’s brother Esau
  - ▶ Origins in Genesis 25
  - ▶ God gave them land southeast of Israel (Deut. 2:5)
  - ▶ Constant struggle with Israel (Num. 20, Eze. 25)
- ▶ The proof of God’s love is ruins \_\_\_\_\_ and enemies \_\_\_\_\_. (Col. 3:1-5)

### Does your faith need a reboot?

#### Lamentations 3:22-23

The steadfast love of the Lord never ceases; his mercies never come to an end; they are new every morning; great is your faithfulness.

#### Malachi’s first dispute tells us:

1. God’s love for you is \_\_\_\_\_.
2. \_\_\_\_\_ the ruins God has begun rebuilding.
3. \_\_\_\_\_ for God to rebuild the ruins that remain.