

A HEARTBROKEN GOD

Malachi 1:1-5

Today let us look at and learn from God's people who spurned His love.

I. GOD'S COMMITTED LOVE (1-2a)

A. A PROCLAIMED LOVE (1)

- "The word of the Lord to Israel"

B. A PASSIONATE LOVE (1)

- See Deuteronomy 7:6-9

C. A PROTECTIVE LOVE - Deuteronomy 32:10

D. A PATIENT LOVE - Nehemiah 9:25-31

E. A PRECIOUS LOVE - Isaiah 43:4

F. A PERMANENT LOVE - Isaiah 49:14-16

G. A PERSISTENT LOVE (2a)

1. "I have loved you" > A perfect tense

2. The idea is that God loved them in the past and continues to do so in the present.

II. GOD'S QUESTIONED LOVE (2b)

A. GOD'S DESIRE

- God has outlined His expectation from His people in Deut. 6:4-9

B. ISRAEL'S DOUBTS

- Rather than marvel they murmured ...!

1. Their Response

- "How have you loved us?"

2. Their Reasoning

- A God who disappoints us surely does not love us!

III. GOD'S CONSIDERED LOVE (2c-4)

A. GOD'S CONDUCT: Favoring Jacob

1. Gracious
 - God graciously goes about "proving" how He loves them
2. Loving (2c)
 - "Yet I have loved Jacob"

B. GOD'S CONTRAST: Fighting Esau

1. Hating Esau (3a)
 - Unwilling to put up with Esau's willful ways
2. Destroying Edom, Esau's country (3b)
 - Making it a wasteland - See Joel 3:19
3. Judging Wickedness (4)
 - See Jer. 49:16-20

IV. GOD'S CONQUERING LOVE (5)

A. THE PREDICTION

1. You will see and you will say ...
 - These things will come to pass in the future
2. Israel will one day come to their senses and their doubts about God's love will be silenced.
 - See Zechariah 12:10

B. THE PROCLAMATION

1. God's Power: The Lord is magnified or shown to be powerful
2. God's Praise: Resounding out of Israel to the world
 - See Matthew 1:1 and 21

CONCLUSION:

HAVE YOU EVER BROKEN GOD'S HEART OR QUESTIONED HIS LOVE?

DO YOU KNOW THAT GOD LOVES YOU!

- He wrote it down and sent it to you by special delivery
- John 3:16
- Can you say and sing? "Jesus loves me, this I know."
- He never quits loving you! - Eph. 1:3-8