

# Malachi

## 1 – Malachi 1:1-5—God’s Covenant Love

Why would Israel question God’s love? What does it mean “I have loved Jacob but Esau I hated”? (see also [Romans 9:10-15](#); [Luke 14:15-26](#))

## 2 – Malachi 1:6-2:9—Unfaithful Priests

How is the lack of love demonstrated? What are the “sacrifices” that we bring to God? What would God say about our “sacrifices”? Why is God’s “name” so very important?

## 3 – Malachi 2:10-16—Unfaithful People

In what two ways had the people been “breaking faith”? Note the covenant of marriage - how had they been “breaking the covenant”? What does God say about marriages today?

## 4 – Malachi 2:17-3:5— “I Will Send My Messenger”

How were they “wearying” the LORD? Who is “the messenger”? How does God “refine” His people?

## 5 – Malachi 3:6-1—Faithful Giving And Service

Is the statement, “I the LORD do not change” Law or Gospel - or both? What does it mean to “return” / repent? Why all the references to “but you ask”? Since God does not need the remembrance, what is the purpose of “the scroll of remembrance”?

## 6 – Malachi 4—“Leap For Joy”!

What will the “day of the LORD” be like? Note the play on words: fire that burns with sun of righteousness; calves leaping with being trampled underfoot. Why mention Moses and Elijah? Note how Malachi ends and the Gospel according to Mark begins...