

Series: Wake-up Call
Passage: Malachi 1:1-5
Sunday: October 22, 2023

Malachi 1:1-5 (ESV)

1 The oracle of the word of the LORD to Israel by Malachi. ² “I have loved you,” says the LORD. But you say, “How have you loved us?” “Is not Esau Jacob’s brother?” declares the LORD. “Yet I have loved Jacob ³ but Esau I have hated. I have laid waste his hill country and left his heritage to jackals of the desert.” ⁴ If Edom says, “We are shattered but we will rebuild the ruins,” the LORD of hosts says, “They may build, but I will tear down, and they will be called ‘the wicked country,’ and ‘the people with whom the LORD is angry forever.’ ” ⁵ Your own eyes shall see this, and you shall say, “Great is the LORD beyond the border of Israel!”

1. Do some research on the context of who Malachi is writing to (a Study Bible may be a helpful tool). What is the context of God’s people as Malachi delivers this message?
2. How would you describe God’s love towards His people in this passage? How would you describe God’s love towards you today?
3. In verse two, God begins to build a case against his people for doubting his love. In what ways do you let experiences and circumstances dictate how you view God’s love and favor towards you?

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4. Read 1 John 4:9-10. How does God show his love to us?

5. What was the judgment of Edom, according to verses 3-5? Why did God deal with Edom in such a harsh way?

6. Verse 5 tells us God is great beyond the border of Israel. We can say that He is great beyond our individual lives, beyond our church, beyond our country, and beyond this world. If this is true about the God we follow, what should be our response to him?

7. How is this passage a wake-up call for you?