

Malachi Outline

- I. "I have loved you" – **the controversy over God's love** (1:1-5)
 - A. Introduction (1:1)
 - B. Divine assertion – "I have loved you" (1:2a)
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 - D. Divine answer – "I loved Jacob" (1:2c-5)
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- II. "Where is my honour?...where is my fear?" – **the controversy over God's holiness** (1:6-3:6)
 - A. Divine Question – "Where is my honour?...where is my fear?" (1:6a)
 - B. Israel's Blind Response – "Wherein have we despised thy name?" (1:6b)
 - C. Divine Examples (1:7-3:6)
 1. Polluted sacrifices (1:7-2:10)
 - a. Divine assertion – "ye offer polluted bread upon mine altar" (1:7a)
 - b. Israel's blind response – "Wherein have we polluted thee?" (1:7b)
 - c. Divine answer – "in that ye say, The table of the LORD is contemptible" (1:7b-14)
 - d. Divine commandment to the priests (2:1-10)
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 - a. Divine assertion – "Judah hath profaned the holiness of the LORD which he loved" (2:11-13)
 - b. Israel's blind response – "Wherefore?" (2:14a)
 - c. Divine answer – "Because the LORD hath been witness..." (2:14b-16)
 3. Mis-representing God's Justice (2:17-3:6)
 - a. Divine assertion – "you have wearied the LORD with your words" (2:17a)
 - b. Israel's blind response – "Wherein have we wearied him?" (2:17b)
 - c. Divine answer – "When ye say, Every one that doeth evil is good in the sight of the LORD..." (2:17c-3:6)
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 - b. Israel's blind response – "Wherein have we robbed thee?" (3:8b)
 - c. Divine answer – "In tithes and offerings" (3:8c-12)
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 - a. Divine assertion – "Your words have been stout against me" (3:13a)
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 - c. Divine answer – "ye have said, It is vain to serve God"(3:14-4:6)
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