Hearing The Prophets
I Have Loved You
Sunday, November 1, 2026

Malachi 1:1-5 NIV

A prophecy: The word of the Lord to Israel through Malachi.

2 “I have loved you,” says the Lord.
“But you ask, ‘How have you loved us?’“
Was not Esau Jacob’s brother?” declares the Lord. “Yet I have loved
Jacob, 3 but Esau I have hated, and I have turned his hill country
into a wasteland and left his inheritance to the desert jackals.”

4 Edom may say, “Though we have been crushed, we will rebuild
the ruins.” But this is what the Lord Almighty says: “They may
build, but I will demolish. They will be called the Wicked Land, a
people always under the wrath of the Lord. 5 You will see it with
your own eyes and say, ‘Great is the Lord—even beyond the
borders of Israel!’

1. **Remember His Faithfulness.**

2. **Recognize Your Wandering.**

3. **Return to His Love.**

Conclusion: God has never stopped being faithful to His people, because He has never stopped pursuing them for Himself.

LIFE GROUP LESSON
I Have Loved You
Week of November 1, 2026- November 7, 2026

Ice Breaker: When has someone showed you faithfulness or kindness that reminded you how much you were valued?

Read Malachi 1.

1. Who is the Lord speaking to? What name is used? (v.1)
2. What is the significance of Israel? Who was first given this name?
3. What is God reminding this remnant of? And the Church today?
4. What did God profess to them? (v.2) Why is this significant to begin with? How does this set the tenor of His message?
5. How did Israel respond? Does this seem like an odd question? Yet have you felt this very same way? Why?
6. How could they forget all the ways God has loved them?
7. How did God answer their question? What was He recalling? What came from these twins? (v.3)
8. Who has God made His promise with? Who has God chosen?
9. What does God reveal about the people of Edom? (v.4)
10. What response from Israel is God bringing forth? (v.5)
11. What is God really addressing in the people?
12. What does God call out regarding their worship? (v.6)
13. Is God worthy of our honor and respect? *Always?* How are we to show this to Him today?
14. What were the people bringing before God? Was that honoring and respectful to their holy and sovereign God? (vs. 7-8) How might we follow the same with what we bring before the Lord?
15. Why might we believe we can give less than honorably to God?
16. What was Israel asking from God? What was His response? (v.9)
17. How might we treat God in a similar manner today?
18. Who do we need to remember God is? (v.11)
19. Read Malachi 3:6. What does God reveal about Himself and why?
20. Read Malachi 3:7. What does God invite Israel/us to do? What is most incredible about this invitation?
21. How do we return to Him? (3:8-12) What will this truly demonstrate to God? What happens to us when we return in this manner?

Point to ponder: We can grow indifferent to the One who is our greatest treasure. But God continues to call us back to Himself because He has loved us with an everlasting love. Respond and return with all your heart. He is worthy of your whole heart.