



November 5, 2023 | Pastor Keith Krell
Malachi 1:1-5 | "Love Meets Ingratitude"

Sermon Application Review from Haggai 2:10–23

How did you repent and return to the Lord (2:15–17)?

In what specific way did you experience God's gracious blessing (2:18–19)?

How did you fixate on Christ's return in power and glory (2:20–23)?

Scripture Reading

Malachi 1:1–5

Hosea 11:1–4

Micah 7:18–20

Genesis 12:1–3

Exodus 34:6–7

Deuteronomy 7:6–8

Nehemiah 9:6–38

Study Questions

1. When have you felt unloved by God (1:2)? How did you respond? What did you learn from this experience? How can you help others experience God's love?
2. Read Romans 9:11–16. What does the apostle Paul identify as the basis of God's love? Read Romans 8:31–39. What does this passage teach about the love of God?
3. What causes *you* to question God's love (1:2b)? What causes *others* to question God's love? How should we advise believers when they doubt God's love for them? How must God feel when we question His love towards us?
4. Some people perceive the God of the Old Testament (OT) as harsh and severe in His judgments. In what other OT passages has God shown His love to His people (1:2c–3)? Read Hebrews 12:3–11. How would you explain the relationship between love and discipline?
5. What are ways God has shown His love in your life (1:5)? How have you expressed your gratitude? In what ways is your heart passionate to see the Lord glorified in the nations of the world?

Recommended Reading

D. A. Carson, *For the Love of God: A Daily Companion for Discovering the Riches of God's Word*, Volume 1 & 2 (Crossway, 2006)

Christopher W. Morgan ed., *The Love of God* (Crossway, 2016)

Ronald Youngblood, *The Heart of the Old Testament* (Baker, 1998)

Gary Chapman, *God Speaks Your Love Language: How to Feel and Reflect God's Love* (Northfield, 2009)