

**A Heart of Worship: Worship through Pain**  
***Malachi 1:1-5***

**722 BC – Assyria Conquers Northern Kingdom**

**586 BC – Babylon Conquers Southern Kingdom**

**MAIN SCRIPTURE:**

**Malachi 1:1-2 (NIV):** A prophecy: The word of the LORD to Israel through Malachi.  
<sup>2</sup>“I have loved you,” says the LORD. “But you ask, ‘How have you loved us?’

**Malachi = “my messenger” or “the Lord’s messenger”**

**SUPPORT SCRIPTURE:**

**Psalm 136:1 (NIV):** Give thanks to the LORD, for he is good.  
His love endures forever.

**love = *hesed***

**How have you loved us?**

**Discipline is a gift from God.**

**Israel was punished because of their sin. We suffer because of our sin.**

**If you do not get what you want, will you still love God?**

**MAIN POINT:                      Abide in God’s Unfailing Love.**

**SUPPORT SCRIPTURE:**

**John 15:4 (KJV):** <sup>4</sup> Abide in me, and I in you. As the branch cannot bear fruit of itself, except it abide in the vine; no more can ye, except ye abide in me.

**MAIN SCRIPTURE:**

**Malachi 1:2-3 (NIV):** “Was not Esau Jacob’s brother?” declares the LORD. “Yet I have loved Jacob, <sup>3</sup> but Esau I have hated, and I have turned his hill country into a wasteland and left his inheritance to the desert jackals.”

**SUPPORT SCRIPTURE:**

**Obadiah 1:10 (NIV):** Because of the violence against your brother Jacob, you will be covered with shame; you will be destroyed forever.

**SUPPORT SCRIPTURE:**

**Obadiah 1:12 (NIV):** You should not gloat over your brother in the day of his misfortune, nor rejoice over the people of Judah in the day of their destruction, nor boast so much in the day of their trouble.

**MAIN POINT:**                      **Abide in God’s Unfailing Love.**

**MAIN SCRIPTURE:**

**Malachi 1:4-5 (NIV):** <sup>4</sup> 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. <sup>5</sup> You will see it with your own eyes and say, ‘Great is the LORD—even beyond the borders of Israel!’

**MAIN POINT:**                      **Abide in God’s Unfailing Love.**