

# TOUGH LOVE

HARSH BUT GLORIOUS AWAKENINGS FOR A PEOPLE ON THE BRINK

———— A STUDY ON MALACHI ————



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Part 1 – 1:1,2

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God is speaking

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necessary communication

God is saying something of extreme  
importance.

A prophecy: The word of the Lord to  
Israel through Malachi – v.1

“the oracle of the word of the LORD” -  
ESV, NAS

“The burden of ...” – KJV/NKJV

“A pronouncement: ...” - HCSB

“prophecy, oracle, burden” – lit. “by the  
hand of”

Malachi – “My messenger”

Short version of Mal’akya – “messenger  
of Yahweh” see 2:7 & 3:1



Prophets = direct message messengers –  
1:1

Priests = ongoing messengers via  
teaching the scriptures – 2:7

Messiah = ultimate “Messenger of the  
Covenant in Whom you delight” – 3:1

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“of the LORD” = “LORD of hosts” – v.4

“LORD Almighty” “LORD of armies”

“that which goes forth”

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you listen?

God deals with both individuals and  
groups of people (nations/tribes)

It is biblically sound to think that God has  
and indeed will deal with us collectively  
as a nation

Psalms 33:12 “Blessed is the nation whose  
God is the Lord, ...”

This is a message to the nation of Israel

The message is:

“I’m God, listen.” – v.1

“I love you!” – v.2

This is the central, deepest and purist  
message of God to mankind – I love you!

This is the persistent and consistent  
message through the entire 66 books of  
THE BOOK – I love you!



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We don't believe it. Can't receive it, can't see it and feel it, because we refused to start at the start ...

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If you don't get the first part of the  
message you won't get the whole/right  
message

Whose breath is it?

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