

Malachi 1:1-14

“The Lord’s Unfailing Love & Great Name”

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subject: the Lord’s unfailing love & great name

objective: trust His love & honor His name

I. the Lord loves His people (vv. 1-5)

A. problem: doubting the Lord’s love

1. the Lord’s proclamation: “I have loved you.”

2. the people’s protest: “In what way have You loved us?”

3. the Lord’s proof: “Jacob I have loved; but Esau I have hated...”

Discussion Question: What can cause people today to doubt God’s love?

B. trust God’s love because of Jesus’ sacrifice

“In this is love, not that we loved God, but that He loved us and sent His Son to be the propitiation for our sins.” (1 John 4:10)

II. the Lord deserves honor & reverence (vv. 6-14)

A. problem: forgetting the Lord’s greatness

1. the Lord’s proclamation: “I deserve honor and reverence.”

2. the people’s protest: “In what way have we despised Your name?”

3. the Lord’s proof: “By your inappropriate sacrifices & offerings.”

Discussion Question: How might Christians today be dishonoring the Lord?

B. give Lord the honor He deserves

1. honoring God begins by believing in Jesus

“...all should honor the Son just as they honor the Father. He who does not honor the Son does not honor the Father who sent Him.” (John 5:23)

2. honoring God involves obeying Him in every part of our lives

“I beseech you therefore, brethren, by the mercies of God, that you present your bodies a living sacrifice, holy, acceptable to God, which is your reasonable service.” (Rom. 12:1)

Discussion Question: What would a life which truly honors God look like?