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I Have Loved You Malachi 1:1-5



¹"And when all these things come upon you, the blessing and the curse, which I have set before you, and you call them to mind among all the nations where the LORD your God has driven you,



²and return to the LORD your God, you and your children, and obey his voice in all that I command you today, with all your heart and with all your soul,



3then the LORD your God will restore your fortunes and have mercy on you, and he will gather you again from all the peoples where the LORD your God has scattered you.



⁴If your outcasts are in the uttermost parts of heaven, from there the LORD your God will gather you, and from there he will take you.



⁵And the LORD your God will bring you into the land that your fathers possessed, that you may possess it. And he will make you more prosperous and numerous than your fathers.



⁶And the LORD your God will circumcise your heart and the heart of your offspring, so that you will love the LORD your God with all your heart and with all your soul, that you may live.



⁷And the LORD your God will put all these curses on your foes and enemies who persecuted you.



⁸And you shall again obey the voice of the LORD and keep all his commandments that I command you today.



⁹The LORD your God will make you abundantly prosperous in all the work of your hand, in the fruit of your womb and in the fruit of your cattle and in the fruit of your ground. For the LORD will again take delight in prospering you, as he took delight in your fathers,



when you obey the voice of the LORD your God, to keep his commandments and his statutes that are written in this Book of the Law, when you turn to the LORD your God with all your heart and with all your soul.



¹The oracle of the word of the LORD to Israel by Malachi.



²"I have loved you," says the LORD. But you say, "How have you loved us?" "Is not Esau Jacob's brother?" declares the LORD. "Yet I have loved Jacob



³but Esau I have hated. I have laid waste his hill country and left his heritage to jackals of the desert."



⁴If Edom says, "We are shattered but we will rebuild the ruins," the LORD of hosts says, "They may build, but I will tear down, and they will be called 'the wicked country,' and 'the people with whom the LORD is angry forever.""



⁵Your own eyes shall see this, and you shall say, "Great is the LORD beyond the border of Israel!"



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1: Our <u>circumstances</u> are not to be the measure of God's love for us.



13"Your words have been hard against me, says the LORD. But you say, 'How have we spoken against you?'



¹⁴You have said, 'It is vain to serve God. What is the profit of our keeping his charge or of walking as in mourning before the LORD of hosts?



¹⁵And now we call the arrogant blessed. Evildoers not only prosper but they put God to the test and they escape."



¹⁶Then those who feared the LORD spoke with one another. The LORD paid attention and heard them, and a book of remembrance was written before him of those who feared the LORD and esteemed his name.



17"They shall be mine, says the LORD of hosts, in the day when I make up my treasured possession, and I will spare them as a man spares his son who serves him.



¹⁸Then once more you shall see the distinction between the righteous and the wicked, between one who serves God and one who does not serve him.



Malachi 4:1-3 (ESV)

¹"For behold, the day is coming, burning like an oven, when all the arrogant and all evildoers will be stubble. The day that is coming shall set them ablaze, says the LORD of hosts, so that it will leave them neither root nor branch.



Malachi 4:1-3 (ESV)

²But for you who fear my name, the sun of righteousness shall rise with healing in its wings. You shall go out leaping like calves from the stall.



Malachi 4:1-3 (ESV)

³And you shall tread down the wicked, for they will be ashes under the soles of your feet, on the day when I act, says the LORD of hosts.



2: God has demonstrated His love for us by adopting us into His family.



³Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, who has blessed us in Christ with every spiritual blessing in the heavenly places,



4even as he chose us in him before the foundation of the world, that we should be holy and blameless before him. In love



^⁵he predestined us for adoption to himself as sons through Jesus Christ, according to the purpose of his will,



⁶to the praise of his glorious grace, with which he has blessed us in the Beloved.



⁷In him we have redemption through his blood, the forgiveness of our trespasses, according to the riches of his grace,



8which he lavished upon us, in all wisdom and insight



9making known to us the mystery of his will, according to his purpose, which he set forth in Christ



¹⁰as a plan for the fullness of time, to unite all things in him, things in heaven and things on earth.



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