

**Where it all begins ...**  
**Malachi 1:1-5**  
**Beauty from Chaos, 1**  
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**Overview of Malachi, v. 1**

**The starting point ... God says, "I love you." v. 2a**

God's love ...

**The question, "How is God's love relevant?" v. 2b**

**God's demonstrates the reality of His love ... vv. 2c-4**

- through His choice of Jacob  
(He pursues us)
- through His faithfulness to His covenant  
(He has a plan for us)

**When we wrestle with God's love, we are able to see Him, v. 5**

**MAKING THIS REAL IN MY LIFE ...**

What are your fears? In what areas of your life do you struggle to allow God to love you? What will you **do** to open your life to Him?

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**Quotes:**

God's love is a paradigm, or a filter, through which we look at all of life ...

1 John 4:16-18, "And so we know and rely on the love God has for us. God is love. Whoever lives in love lives in God, and God in Him. In this way, love is made complete among us so that we will have confidence on the day of judgment, because in this world we are like him. There is no fear in love. But perfect love drives out fear, because fear has to do with punishment. The one who fears is not made perfect in love."

Next week: Malachi 1:6-14