

## **BE CAREFUL HOW YOU TREAT THE LORD**

**Malachi 1:1-14**

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Relationships that are of good quality, care about what pleases or displeases the other and *strive* to be more *pleasing* in the relationship than *displeasing*.

### **1. THE LORD HAS PROVEN HIS LOVE FOR THEM – vv. 1-3**

a) Declaration of Love – 1-2a The Lord reminded them of how much He loved them, because He chose to.

b) Demanding Proof of Love – 2b What about the rest of our prophetic future? *Malachi 1:2, 6-7, 2:17; 3:7-8, 13*

c) Demonstration of Love – 2c-3 The Lord took them back to the beginning of their relationship and His sovereign choice of them instead of Esau.

### **2. THE LORD HAS PROTECTED THEM – vv. 4-5**

a) Edom's Prideful Declaration v. 4a (Edom) boasted about a comeback.

b) The Lord's Promised Destruction v. 4b The Lord made a sure promise to destroy what they will rebuild.

c) The Lord's Praise Declared – v. 5 He's going to let them see Him destroy any and every nation that comes against them because of His reputation.

### **3. THE LORD DESERVES BETTER TREATMENT FROM THEM 6-9**

a) He Deserves Honor and Respect – v. 6 “You all call Me Father, and say that I am Master with your lips, but your attitudes and actions towards the things that are important to Me are really despised by you.

b) He Receives Dishonor and Disrespect – vv. 7-8a

*i. Indiscriminate Attitudes v. 7* - It wasn't what the Lord required.

*ii. Indiscriminate Actions – 8b* The sacrifice was to be an unblemished animal (signifying the holiness of God, and sincerity of their hearts). *vv. 12-14*

c) He Will Not Be Gracious – v. 8b-9 “Don't even bother Me with your low-rate offerings and expect Me to show kindness and favor.”

### **4. THE LORD IS NOT PLEASED WITH THEM – v. 10**

He wishes someone among them would be so bold as to close the entrance into the temple so they can stop the hypocrisy! God makes a great distinction between the person and the offering.

*Psalm 5:4; Amos 5:21-24; Psalm 51:16*

### **5. THE LORD WILL RECEIVE GLORY FROM OTHERS – v. 11**

Israel was supposed to glorify His name and broadcast His greatness. The Lord proclaimed to Israel that other nations will make His name great!