

Welcome To Open Bible Hour

Thank you for joining us on this Lord's Day!

Our desire is that you may grow in the grace and knowledge of our Lord Jesus Christ as we pursue an in-depth study of the first 2 chapters of Acts.

If you have a prayer request, for which you would like us to pray, please fill out a prayer sheet at the back table and give to Lyle.

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“TREMBLING AT THE LOVE OF GOD”

Malachi 1:1-5

February 12, 2012

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Author: Malachi (“*messenger*”)

Date: About 430 B.C.

Place of Writing: Jerusalem

Setting:

- Remnant has returned from the Babylonian captivity.
- Temple had been rebuilt (516 B.C.).
- Biblical revival under Ezra (“bring the Book” Neh. 8:1) in 445 B.C.
- Spiritually, they had drifted backwards – corruption, wickedness, false security, cynicism, skepticism, hypocrisy, compromise, divorce, false worship, and arrogance. There was a cold, calloused, indifference that had settled over the remnant of believers.
- This is the last word from God for 400 years.

Purpose: To severely rebuke and exhort the nation, the remnant of believers, and the priests to repent and return to a God honoring, God glorifying, walk with their God.

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Rom 5:18

18 So then as through one transgression there resulted **condemnation** to all men,

Eph 2:3

3 Among them we too all formerly lived in the lusts of our flesh, indulging the desires of the flesh and of the mind, and were by nature **children of wrath**,

Ps 7:11

11 God is a just judge,
And God is **angry** with the wicked every day.

Rom 5:10

10 For if while we were **enemies** we were reconciled to God through the death of His Son, much more, having been reconciled, we shall be saved by His life.

Eph 2:13-15

13 But now in Christ Jesus you who formerly were **far off** have been brought near by the blood of Christ.

14 For He Himself is our peace, who made both groups into one and broke down the barrier of the dividing wall,

15 by abolishing in His flesh the **enmity**,

John 3:36

36 "He who believes in the Son has eternal life; but he who does not obey the Son will not see life, but the **wrath of God** abides on him."

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Rom 9:10-13

10 And not only this, but there was Rebekah also, when she had conceived twins by one man, our father Isaac;

11 for though the twins were not yet born and had not done anything good or bad, so that God's purpose according to His choice would stand, not because of works but because of Him who calls,

12 it was said to her, "THE OLDER WILL SERVE THE YOUNGER."

13 Just as it is written, "JACOB I LOVED, BUT ESAU I HATED."

Ezek 20:5-6

- 5 On the day when I chose Israel and swore to the descendants of the house of Jacob and made Myself known to them in the land of Egypt, when I swore to them, saying, I am the Lord your God,
- 6 on that day I swore to them, to bring them out from the land of Egypt into a land that I had selected for them, flowing with milk and honey, which is the glory of all lands.

Deut 7:6-9

- 6 "For you are a holy people to the Lord your God; the Lord your God has chosen you to be a people for His own possession out of all the peoples who are on the face of the earth.
- 7 "The Lord did not set His love on you nor choose you because you were more in number than any of the peoples, for you were the fewest of all peoples,
- 8 but because the Lord loved you and kept the oath which He swore to your forefathers, the Lord brought you out by a mighty hand and redeemed you from the house of slavery, from the hand of Pharaoh king of Egypt.
- 9 "Know therefore that the Lord your God, He is God, the faithful God, who keeps His covenant and His lovingkindness to a thousandth generation with those who love Him and keep His commandments;

Ezek 16:4-7

- 4 "As for your birth, on the day you were born your navel cord was not cut, nor were you washed with water for cleansing; you were not rubbed with salt or even wrapped in cloths.
- 5 "No eye looked with pity on you to do any of these things for you, to have compassion on you. Rather you were thrown out into the open field, for you were abhorred on the day you were born.
- 6 "When I passed by you and saw you squirming in your blood, I said to you while you were in your blood, 'Live!' Yes, I said to you while you were in your blood, 'Live!'
- 7 "I made you numerous like plants of the field.

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Application:

1. Do you feel the weight of this passage upon you?
2. God's love is often least acknowledged where it is most manifested.
3. Have you forgotten all the ways God has shown His love toward you?
4. We must not infer God does not love us because He afflicts us.
5. God's love for you should make you tremble with tears of joy that you belong to Him.

Ps 130:4

4 But there is forgiveness with You,
That You may be feared.

6. Therefore have you contemplated the love of God for you to the point that it makes you tremble?
7. God will be magnified & glorified in all He is sovereign over.