

Does God Really Love Us?

Malachi 1:2-5

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Thesis: As humans, it can be easy to fall into the trap of doubting God's love for us, but God's love for his people is evident in His choosing them and protecting them by destroying their enemies to bring them joyful deliverance.

1. God's electing love (vs. 2a, 2c, 3a)

New Testament Connection: Ephesians 1:3-6

2. Our sinful tendency to doubt God's love (vs. 2b)

New Testament Connection: Romans 8:31-39

3. Evidence of God's love: protection from enemies (vs. 3b-4a)

New Testament Connection: Death and the devil Hebrews 2:14

4. The Lord will judge the world eternally (vs. 4b-5)

New Testament Connection: Matthew 25: 31-33, 37-40, 44-46

5. Making the connection to my life: 2 Timothy 3:16-17

A. Major doctrines:

1. God's electing love
2. God's protecting love
3. Sinful human nature
4. The coming Judgement

B. Where does my thinking need corrected?

C. Where does my behavior need reproof? Am I living in doubt of God's love and protection?

1. Am I expecting more than God has promised?
2. Am I struggling with fear and anxiety?
3. Have I confessed Jesus as my Lord and Savior?

D. What is the instruction in righteousness from this passage?

1. Proclaim the goodness of God in His salvation and protection.
2. Let your life give testimony to God and His eternal love.