

GREAT IS THE LORD!

MALACHI 1:1-5

- Intro: The LORD uses His MESSENGERS to share His Word. v. 1
- The LORD demonstrates His LOVE by His FAITHFULNESS to His people. v. 2
- The LORD demonstrates His JUSTICE by OPPOSING those who are against His people. vv. 3-4
- The LORD demonstrates His GLORY and GREATNESS by keeping His covenants. v. 5

FURTHER UP. FURTHER IN

1. In what ways do you see parallels between the spiritual condition of ancient Israel as described in Malachi and the challenges facing believers today?
2. How does Malachi's message challenge our understanding of God's love and faithfulness, particularly when circumstances seem bleak? How does His love motivate us to respond faithfully? Hosea 11:1; Gen. 12:1-3, 26:3-4; 28:13-15; Haggai 2:19; Rom. 9:3-5, 5:8; John 13:34
3. Discuss God's statements about hating Esau and opposing Edom in Malachi 1:3-4? How does this help us understand His protection of His chosen people and what does it reveal about His judgment and justice? Obad. 3, Zeph. 2:9, Gen. 25:23, John 3:18-20, Luke 14:26, 1 Sam. 15:29, Matt. 5:43-45, Rom. 9:9-18
4. Reflect on the theme of God's greatness and glory as proclaimed in Malachi 1:5. How does this inspire us to worship and proclaim His name, both within our communities and beyond?
5. This last Sunday was Pentecost, commemorating the Holy Spirit descending on God's people to enable the good news to be spread to Gentiles. How does the Holy Spirit enable us to live faithfully and proclaim God's greatness to the world? Acts 2
6. How can we apply the message of Malachi to our lives today? What areas of spiritual complacency or disobedience might God be calling us to address?