

## MALACHI: GOD'S LOVE LETTER

Does God Care Anymore?

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Where is God?

Don't You care for me anymore?

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### Historical Background of Malachi

- A. Greatness of the kingdom under Solomon
- B. Fall under sin until the captivity

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- C. Promises given by God while Israel was in captivity:
  1. Land would be fruitful – Ezekiel 34:26-30
  2. Population would increase – Isaiah 54:1-3
  3. Nation would rise to international prominence – Jeremiah 23:5-6
  4. All nations would come and serve them – Isaiah 49:22-23

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People took hope – there was light at the end of the tunnel of captivity.

In 516 BC, that hope was realized.

But despair soon set in:

Where was God?

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### Problems of Society in Malachi's Day

- 1. Existence of social wrongs – Mal. 3:5
- 2. Corruption in religion – Mal. 1:6
- 3. Disregard for the Sabbath – Mal. 2:8-9
- 4. Neglect in stewardship – Mal. 3:8-10
- 5. Family problems – Mal. 2:11-15

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### Problems of Society in Malachi's Day

- Ultimate problem – self-centeredness  
God was there to serve them.

But God does not exist to serve us – we exist to serve God!

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### Message of Malachi

- God says, "I love you and I do care! In fact, I have never stopped loving you!"

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### Challenge

- God, where are You?  
"I am right here by your side!"
- God, don't You care anymore?  
"Yes, child, I care more than you'll ever know!"

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