

Blind to God's Love

This 5-day devotional guide is based on Malachi 1:1-5 and will help you prepare your heart for the upcoming Sunday sermon, "Blind to God's Love," in the preaching series, "How's Your Heart?" It may also be used as a guide for family devotions and is for the week ending Saturday, April 25, 2026.

Monday

Scripture: Malachi 1:1

Questions for Reflection

- Who is delivering this message and to whom?
- What does the word 'oracle' mean in this context?
- Why is it important to know that God speaks to His people?
- How do you listen for God's voice in your life?

Questions for Children

- Who is talking in this verse?
- Who is God speaking to?

Prayer Prompt

Lord, thank You for speaking to us through Scripture. Help us to listen carefully and trust Your words. Amen.

Tuesday

Scripture: Malachi 1:2

Questions for Reflection

- What does God say about His love for Israel?
- Why might the people have doubted God's love?
- How does knowing God loves you change your perspective?
- When have you felt unsure of God's love, and how did He reassure you?

Questions for Children

- What does God say He feels for His people?
- Does God love you?

Prayer Prompt

Father, thank You for loving us even when we forget. Help us to trust Your love every day. Amen.

Wednesday

Scripture: Malachi 1:3

Questions for Reflection

- Who is Esau, and why is he mentioned here?
- What does it mean that God "hated" Esau?
- How does this verse show God's justice and sovereignty?
- How can you trust God's plan even when you don't understand it?

Questions for Children

- Who are Jacob and Esau?
- Which one did God choose?

Prayer Prompt

Lord, help us trust Your choices and plans. Teach us to believe that You are always good. Amen.

Thursday

Scripture: Malachi 1:4

Questions for Reflection

- What does Edom say they will do after being defeated?
- How does God respond to Edom's plans?
- What does this teach us about pride and God's authority?
- How can you submit your plans to God today?

Questions for Children

- What did Edom want to do?
- Who is stronger—Edom or God?

Prayer Prompt

Father, keep us humble and help us trust Your authority over our lives. Amen.

Friday

Scripture: Malachi 1:5

Questions for Reflection

- What will Israel say when they see God's greatness?
- Why is it important to recognize God's greatness beyond Israel?
- How can you praise God for His greatness today?
- What is one way you can show others God's greatness?

Questions for Children

- Who is great?
- Where is God's greatness seen?

Prayer Prompt

Lord, You are great and worthy of praise. Help us to tell others about Your greatness. Amen.