

“Heart Problems”

Malachi 1:1-2:9

Dispute #1 (Malachi 1:2-5)

Focus: God’s _____ for _____ people.

- The people interpreted their _____ as a lack of _____ on _____ part.
- God reminded them that He had _____ to be His people and had _____ to share His goodness with _____.

Dispute #2 (Malachi 1:6 – 2:9)

Focus: Israel’s _____.

- The people went through the _____ of worship, but their _____ were _____ God.
- God pointed to the _____ of His people as evidence of their _____ for Him.

1. Our tendency to question God’s _____ and His _____ for us is a _____ to our relationship with Him.

2. If we want to know if God _____ us, we need look no further than _____.

3. God deserves our absolute best, and _____ is an expression of our _____ for Him or our _____ of it. (John 4:24, Romans 12:1)

4. When worshipping God becomes a _____ for us, we’ve lost sight of _____.

5. God will receive the glory that He’s due, and if we don’t seek to make _____, the _____ will be _____, not _____. (Malachi 1:11)

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Dispute #1 (Malachi 1:2-5)

Focus: God’s love for His people.

- The people interpreted their hardships as a lack of love on God’s part.
- God reminded them that He had chosen them to be His people and had saved them to share His goodness with the nations.

Dispute #2 (Malachi 1:6 – 2:9)

Focus: Israel’s illegitimate worship.

- The people went through the motions of worship, but their hearts were far from God.
- God pointed to the flawed sacrifices of His people as evidence of their disdain for Him.

1. Our tendency to question God’s goodness and His love for us is a cancer to our relationship with Him.
2. If we want to know if God loves us, we need look no further than the cross.
3. God deserves our absolute best, and everything we do is an expression of our love for Him or our lack of it. (John 4:24, Romans 12:1)
4. When worshipping God becomes a chore for us, we’ve lost sight of who He is.
5. God will receive the glory that He’s due, and if we don’t seek to make His name great, the loss will be ours, not His. (Malachi 1:11)