



Malachi 1:1-5: Jacob I Loved, but Esau...

The Answer to Apathy Bible Study

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As we look at the Scriptures, what does the Lord hate?

Proverbs 6:16-19 There are six things that the LORD hates, seven that are an abomination to him: haughty eyes, a lying tongue, and hands that shed innocent blood, a heart that devises wicked plans, feet that make haste to run to evil, a false witness who breathes out lies, and one who sows discord among brothers.

Does God intervene in the world against such behaviors?

Malachi 1:1

What do we know of Malachi from his introduction?

Malachi 1:2

What structure do we see here?

What does the Lord say to Israel?

Proverbs 15:9 The way of the wicked is an abomination to the LORD, but he loves him who pursues righteousness.

How do the people challenge God's claim?

What does their objection reveal about them?

Are there others that challenge God in Scripture?

Habakkuk 1:3 Why do you make me see iniquity, and why do you idly look at wrong?

Who is Esau?

Malachi 1:3

What does it mean that the Lord of Hosts *hates* Esau?

Luke 14:26 If anyone comes to me and does not hate his own father and mother and wife and children and brothers and sisters, yes, and even his own life, he cannot be my disciple.

Romans 9:6-16

How does Paul make sense of Malachi?

What kind of distinctions must we make when talking about election?

Malachi 1:4

What does Malachi call Esau?

Will the Lord let Edom rebuild?

Amos 1:11 Thus says the LORD: "For three transgressions of Edom, and for four, I will not revoke the punishment, because he pursued his brother with the sword and cast off all pity, and his anger tore perpetually, and he kept his wrath forever.

Psalms 137:7-8 Remember, O LORD, against the Edomites the day of Jerusalem, how they said, "Lay it bare, lay it bare, down to its foundations!" O daughter of Babylon, doomed to be destroyed, blessed shall he be who repays you with what you have done to us!

Malachi 1:5

What is the evidence of God's love for Israel?

Based on how God handles Edom, what should the Israelites confess?

Psalms 145:3-4 Great is the LORD, and greatly to be praised, and his greatness is unsearchable. One generation shall commend your works to another, and shall declare your mighty acts.

March 5: Malachi 1:6-10: Where is My Honor?