

Digging Deeper



MALACHI

God's Love Declared—Malachi 1:1-5 – April 19, 2020

1. Love _____ (2a)

2. Love _____ (2b)

3. Love _____ (2-4)

4. Love _____ (5)

The people who heard this oracle had seen God restore them to their land after the exile to Babylon. In what ways might they have been encouraged?

What promises had they not yet seen come to pass? What might they have still been hoping for?

How might you sympathize with the tensions the Israelites lived with? How has God shown grace to you? What promises are you still waiting to see fulfilled?

In verse 2, God begins to present a case against the people. What is His main concern?

What doubts and fears might the people of Israel have had in the wake of their restoration to Palestine after the exile? What does the text imply the people are complaining about?

How did God treat the people of Israel and the people of Edom differently in light of the judgments that came on both nations? What did He intend for this to teach the people of Israel about His love for them?