

Malachi: A Conversation With God #2
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- I. God's eternal and steadfast covenant love is the answer to calloused and compromising hearts. (Malachi 1:1-5, 2:4-5, 8,10,14, 3:1)

- II. God's eternal and steadfast covenant love is the ultimate motivation for us to trust Him and to grow in continual godliness. (Eph. 4:1, 17-32, Col. 3:12-17)

1. Eternal and Steadfast

Hebrews 13:20 – "Now the God of peace, who brought up from the dead the great Shepherd of the sheep through the blood of the eternal covenant, even Jesus our Lord."

Jeremiah 31:3 – "The LORD appeared to him...saying, "I have loved you with an everlasting love; therefore I have drawn you with lovingkindness."

Isaiah 49:15-16 – "Can a woman forget her nursing child and have no compassion on the son of her womb? Even these may forget, but I will not forget you. Behold, I have inscribed you on the palms of My hands...."

John 10:27-28 – "My sheep hear My voice, and I know them, and they follow Me; and I give eternal life to them, and they will never perish; and no one will snatch them out of My hand."

John 20:27-28 – He said to Thomas, "Reach here with your finger, and see My hands.... do not be unbelieving, but believing." Thomas answered and said to Him, "My Lord and my God!"

Luke 22:15-16 – He said to them, "I have earnestly desired to eat this Passover with you before I suffer; for I say to you, I shall never again eat it until it is fulfilled in the kingdom of God."

Revelation 19:7-9 – "Let us rejoice and be glad and give the glory to Him, for the marriage of the Lamb has come... Blessed are those who are invited to the marriage supper of the Lamb."

2. Unmerited and Undeserved

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Deuteronomy 7:7-11

Deuteronomy 9:4-7

Romans 11:17 – ...“some of the branches (Israelites) were broken off, and you (Gentiles), being a wild olive, were grafted in among them and became partaker with them of the rich root of the olive tree.”

III. God’s eternal and steadfast covenant love is meant to greatly impact our daily lives.

1. Satisfaction

Psalm 90:14 – “Satisfy us in the morning with Your lovingkindness, that we may sing for joy and be glad all our days.”

2. Humility

1 Corinthians 1:27-31 – “God chose what is foolish in the world to shame the wise . . . so that no human being might boast in the presence of God. . . Let the one who boasts, boast in the Lord.”

3. Confidence

John 6:37 – Jesus said, “All that the Father gives me will come to me, and whoever comes to me I will never cast out.”

4. Encouragement

Colossians 3:12-13 – “So, as those who have been chosen of God, holy and beloved, put on a heart of compassion, kindness, humility, gentleness and patience...forgiving each other...”

Romans 8:31-33 – “If God is for us, who can be against us? . . . Who shall bring any charge against God’s elect?”

John 15:16 – Jesus said, “You did not choose Me but I chose you, and appointed you that you would go and bear fruit, and that your fruit would remain, so that whatever you ask of the Father in My name He may give to you.”

2 Timothy 2:10 – “For this reason I endure all things for the sake of those who are chosen, so that they also may obtain the salvation which is in Christ Jesus and with it eternal glory.”

Romans 11:11 – “I say then, they (Israel) did not stumble so as to fall, did they? May it never be! But by their transgression salvation has come to the Gentiles, to make them jealous.”

Titus 1:1 – “Paul, a bond-servant of God and an apostle of Jesus Christ, for the faith of those chosen of God and the knowledge of the truth which is according to godliness.”

Faith Sheet

Transformation Verse (January) - (Jesus said) *In the world you will have trouble, but take courage, I have overcome the world.* John 16:33

Main Themes:

~ God's eternal and steadfast covenant love is the ultimate answer to calloused and compromising hearts. (1:1-5, 2:4-5, 8, 10, 14, 3:1)

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#1- Reviewing This Past Sunday Malachi: A Conversation With God #2 Do You Know How Much I Love You? Malachi 1:1-5

1. Read Malachi 1:1-5. Discuss Sunday's message with someone.
2. What did you learn about God's eternal covenant love that encouraged you?
3. Read Ephesians 2:1-7 and describe your condition before Christ? (1-3)
4. Why did God forever change your life? (4)
5. How did God forever change your life? (5)
6. What are the results of Him changing us? (6-7)
7. What undertaking could be more one-sided than one person raising another from the dead and giving him or her life? This act alone defines the meaning of grace. Praise Him individually or as a group and ask Him to use you in proclaiming the Gospel to others. (2 Timothy 2:10)

2- Preparing for Next Sunday Malachi: A Conversation With God #3 Will You Honor Me? Malachi 1:6-14

1. Read Malachi 1:6-14. What is the main theme of the passage?
2. Who does the Lord specifically call out in verse 6?
3. Why does the Lord call them out? (7-8, 11-13)
4. In verse 8 God asks: "*Would you give these gifts to your governor?*" What is the Lord communicating to His people?
5. How is the Lord described in verses 11 and 14? What do these descriptions reveal about God? Spend some time praising the Lord.