

Return to Me
Part One: Lame Worship (Malachi 1)
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1. God revealed his message to Israel through the prophet Malachi (Malachi 1:1)
 - The Bible is God's revelation to us through the Holy Spirit.
 - God's Word is the standard by which we measure our relationship with God.
2. God's love for his people could be seen in his mercy toward them (Malachi 1:2-5)
 - The people doubted God's love for them.
 - The judgment of Esau's descendants from which they were spared should have convinced them of God's care for them.
3. Despite God's goodness, the people refused to show him the honor he deserved (Malachi 1:6-9)
4. Because of their disrespect, God preferred that they quit worshiping him (Malachi 1:10-13a)
5. The remedy for their disrespect was to acknowledge God's greatness and to fear his name (Malachi 1:13b-14)