

MORNING SERMON OUTLINE  
**GOD'S ELECTING LOVE**  
Malachi 1:2-5 (#2)

**1. The Lord's electing love of Israel**

How had God loved Israel? (verse 2)

- a. God's historic choice of Jacob rather than Esau –  
continuing to be seen in the histories of Israel & Edom.
- b. As to sin and deserving, Jacob/Israel and Esau/Edom were  
sinners before God, both deserving His wrath and curse.
- c. God CHOSE to love Israel – despite their sin.  
God bound Himself by covenant to love Israel.

**2. The Lord's rejection of Esau/Edom**

- a. Did God really "hate" Esau?
- b. Saying this about God is itself hateful to many.  
But let God speak for Himself, and let us not arrogantly tell God  
what He must do and be and how He must love to suit us.
- c. Consider verses like Psalm 5:5, 11:5, 139:21,22.  
And consider Mal.1:3,4 – the Lord's determination to punish  
Edom for their sins without mercy forever.  
God hates sin *and sinners* (not just Edom) – *except for* those He  
has chosen to love, like the nation Israel.

**3. God's electing love in Christ to the ends of the earth.**

- a. Can we read Malachi 1:2-5 as if it had only to do with O.T. history?
- b. Romans 9:10-13 is the Holy Spirit's commentary on Mal.1:2-5 –  
Revealing God's sovereign choice of Jews and Gentiles for  
salvation in this "dispensation."
- c. Confess with Israel: "*The Lord is great above the border of Israel*" -  
that is, His greatness in sovereign, saving, love bestowed thru the  
saving death of Christ should fill our hearts with His praises.