

# **OVERRULED: God's Unchanging Love**

(Malachi 1:1-5)

## **Introduction**

- A) Story of Ike and Ruby Haynes and his statement “I told her I loved her when she we got married and if I change my mind I’ll let her know.”
- B) To be honest, we like to hear the words, “I love you! If we don’t, we begin to doubt.” Israel equated the words “I love you with blessings and easy times.”
- C) Therefore, when things became difficult for the nation, they naturally doubted God’s love. They even accused God of not loving them. God answered their accusations in the opening verses of Malachi.
- D) Contextualize **OVERRULED** (the series)
- E) Contextualize Malachi’s prophecy (silent years or Intertestamental Period to follow).

## **I. The Accustion Against God (v. 2a)**

### **A) Dire circumstances**

(Israel was facing a dark, drab, and dreary time which led to an accusation against God’s love.)

### **B) Doubts about God**

(Doubts about God usually occur during difficult and painful circumstance. Doubts often occur through unmet expectations of God.

### **C) Declaration of God**

## **II. The Answer of God (v. 2b-5)**

**A) Your Selection (v. 2b-3)**

(God's love is faithful! God's love is not based on human action! God love you! God does not condone your sin, but he loves you!

**B) Your Protection (v. 4-5)**

(God protects His people from the evil one! God's people may experience difficulty as a part of growth! God shield's His people from untold evils! God's protection is consistent!

**III. Application of Truth (v. 6a)**

**A) A Father's love may not be seen tangibly, but is unquestionably present.**

**B) A Father's protection may not be seen tangibly, but is unquestionably active.**

**C) Until you see yourself as very bad, you will not see God as very good.**

**D) When we are ungrateful for what God has done, we are unwilling to do what God command us to do.**

**E) God expects us to change our attitude even if he does not change our circumstances.**

**F) When you are ungrateful for the life you have, you need to honestly consider the life you should have received.**

**Conclusion.**

A) God loved you when you were not loveable!

B) God provided a way out of sin, even when you didn't realize your sinfulness.

C) You need God today.

