Give God Your Very Best

Six charges against God's people

Doubting	God's love (1:1-5)
Despising	God's honor (1:6-2:9)
Rejecting	God's standards (2:10-16)
Redefining	God's righteousness (2:17-3:6)
Robbing	God of tithes and offerings (3:7-12)
Questioning	The value of obeying God (3:13-4:6)

Outline of Malachi

1:1-2:9

Attitudes related to God's person

2:10 - 3:6

Attitudes related to God's righteous standards

3:7 - 4:6

Attitudes related to God's word

Malachi's overall message

Because God will judge unrepentant sin and will restore those who repent,

His people are called to give Him their very best in every area of life.

Doubting God's Love

Self-focus blinded them to the evidence.

Self-pity misinterpreted circumstances believing, "If God loved me, I would be trouble-free".

Self-focus blinds us to proof of God's love.

Self-pity misinterprets circumstances as lack of love from God.

Malachi's message in 1:1 - 2:9

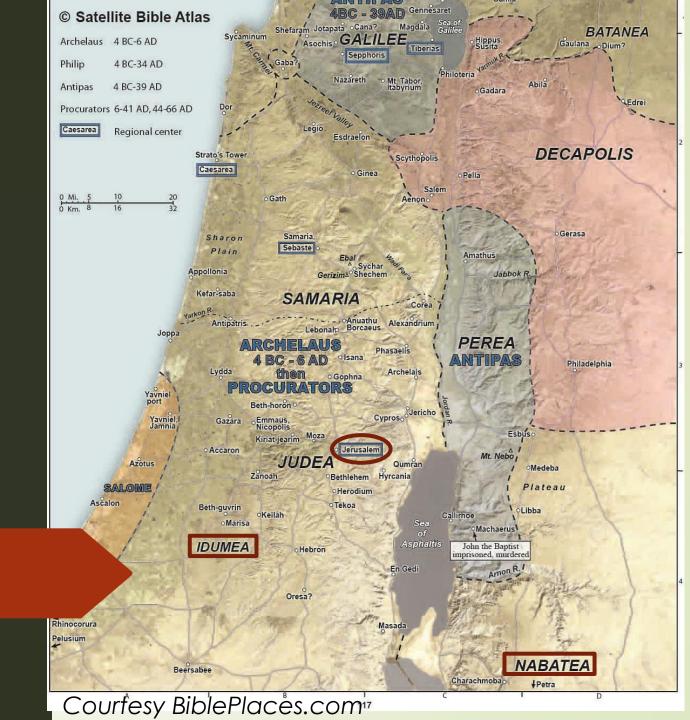
God admonishes those who doubt His love and who rob Him of glory.

He calls them to a reciprocal love that stirs a fresh commitment to obey.

Attitudes related to God's person

I. Doubting God's love (1:1-5).

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Attitudes related to God's person

- I. Doubting God's love (1:1-5).
- II. Despising God's honor (1:6-2:9).

"Nothing less than the best was to be offered in sacrifice to God"

R. K. Harrison, Introduction to the Old Testament, p. 959