



RETURN TO ME —

God's Love (Malachi 1:1-5) - Return to Me - April 24-25, 2021
STUDY NOTES || SPEAKING PASTOR TIM HOWEY

Does God love us?

Does God love me?

The burden of the word of the Lord to Israel by Malachi. **Malachi 1:1 NKJV**

Three Returns in Ezra & Nehemiah: (1) Zerubbabel rebuilt the Temple. (2) Ezra restored the Law. (3) Nehemiah rebuilt the walls.

"I have loved you."

"Return to Me, and I will return to you."

(Malachi 1:2, 3:7)

"I have loved you," says the Lord. "Yet you say, 'In what way have You loved us?' Was not Esau Jacob's brother?" Says the Lord. "Yet Jacob I have loved; **Malachi 1:2 NKJV**

Malachi 1:3 NKJV

And the Lord said to her: “Two nations *are* in your womb, Two peoples shall be separated from your body; One people shall be stronger than the other, And the older shall serve the younger.” **Genesis 25:23 NKJV**

(for the *children* not yet being born, nor having done any good or evil, that the purpose of God according to election might stand, not of works but of Him who calls), **Romans 9:11 NKJV**

it was said to her, “*The older shall serve the younger.*” **Romans 9:12 NKJV**

As it is written, “*Jacob I have loved, but Esau I have hated.*” **Romans 9:13 NKJV**

For violence against your brother Jacob, Shame shall cover you, And you shall be cut off forever.

Obadiah 10 NKJV

In the day that you stood on the other side— In the day that strangers carried captive his forces, When foreigners entered his gates And cast lots for Jerusalem— Even you *were* as one of them. **Obadiah 11 NKJV**

Even though Edom has said, “We have been impoverished, But we will return and build the desolate places,” Thus says the Lord of hosts: “They may build, but I will throw down; They shall be called the Territory of Wickedness, And the people against whom the Lord will have indignation forever. **Malachi 1:4 NKJV**

Your eyes shall see, And you shall say, ‘The Lord is magnified beyond the border of Israel.’ **Malachi 1:5 NKJV**

Does God love us?

There is no fear in love; but perfect love casts out fear, because fear involves torment. But he who fears has not been made perfect in love. **1 John 4:18 NKJV**

And we have known and believed the love that God has for us. God is love, and he who abides in love abides in God, and God in him. **1 John 4:16 NKJV**

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JESUS CARES
THE GOOD SAMARITAN

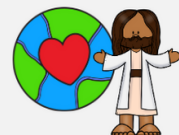
Toddlers are ready and willing helpers! Helping others gives toddlers a sense of self-satisfaction and allows them the opportunity to reach out to others and experience the good feelings that come from showing they care. It's important to help toddlers see that Jesus cares for us and wants us to care for others, too. The lessons in this series will encourage your toddler to look for ways to help others and show that they care.

Memory Verse: "Jesus Cares." 1 Peter 5:7 (adapted for toddlers)

Heart of the Lesson: We Can Care for Others Like Jesus Cares

Parent Engagement: Make a batch of cookies or treats for a friend or neighbor that could use encouragement. When you deliver your sweet treat, help your toddler tell them that Jesus cares for them. Remind your toddler that we can care for people, too.

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THE EARLY CHURCH
RESURRECTION THROUGH PETER

This month in GKJr we will be learning about Easter through Peter. We'll talk about how Jesus is alive and what we are called to do next. We'll start discussing the early church and what it means to tell other people that Jesus really is alive.

Memory Verse: Therefore go and make disciples of all nations baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit. Matthew 28:19

Heart of the Lesson: God Loves Everyone- Peter and Cornelius - Acts 11

Parent Engagement: Look at the back of today's coloring sheet or look up a picture online of kids from around the world. How are we different from the kids pictured? Talk about the differences Peter saw between him and Cornelius. Remind your kid that it doesn't matter how different we might seem, Jesus loves us all just the *same*!

ELEMENTARY

Joyful Noise



We were created to worship! It's the most important thing we can do. No, that doesn't mean we are just called to sing really loudly, but we are called to make a joyful noise in everything we do. In this series, we are going to be talking about what worship is and who is the most deserving of our worship!

Memory Verse: Make a joyful noise unto the Lord, all ye lands Psalm 100:1

Heart of the Lesson: Everything we do can be a way to worship if we let it! 1 Corinthians 10:31, Exodus 35:31-32, Isaiah 40:26, Haggai 1:8, Psalm 150:5-6, Matthew 2:11

Parent Engagement: We looked at different examples of worshipping in The Bible including singing and using instruments, dancing, building, looking at creation, and giving. Choose one of these activities to do intentionally for God's glory, and not your own!

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We were created to worship, and we are all worshipping something whether we realize it or not. This world has so many things constantly calling for our attention and love, but there is only One who is worthy of our worship. In this series, we are going to be talking all about worship including what it is, how we do it and who is the worthy One.

Memory Verse: "He must become greater and greater and I must become less and less." John 3:30

Heart of the Lesson: What does worship look like? - 1 Corinthians 10:31, Exodus 35:31-32, Isaiah 40:26, Haggai 1:8, Psalm 150:5-6, Matthew 2:11

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