

Minor Prophets
Malachi Introduction

Text: **Malachi 1:1-2**

I. The Author,

A. Malachi the Prophet,

i. **Malachi**

II Peter 1:21 “For the prophecy came not in old time by the will of man: but holy men of God spake *as they were* moved by the Holy Ghost.”

ii. **Who He Was,**

iii. **His time,**

B. His Message,

i. **God's Motivation,**

Vs.2 “I Have Loved You Saith the Lord...”

I John 4:8 “He that loveth not knoweth not God; for God is love.”

ii. **The Division of the Writing,**

A dispute:

About God,s Love **1:1-5,**

About God's Honor, **1:6-2:9,**

About God's Faithfulness **2:10-16,**

About God's Judgment **2:17-3:6,**

About Returning to God **3:7-12,**

About Questioning God **3:13-18,**

& A plea to Prepare for the Day of the Lord **4:1-6**

Luke 6:46 “**And why call ye me, Lord, Lord, and do not the things which I say??**”

1 Repudiating God’s love, **1:2-5**

2 Refusing God His due honor, **1:6 – 2:9**

3 Rejecting God’s faithfulness, **2:10 – 16**

4 Redefining God’s righteousness, **2:17 – 3:6**

5 Robbing God’s riches, **3:7-12**

6 Reviling God’s grace, **3:13-15**