Text: Malachi 1:1-6

I. Don't Question God's Love,

A. Be Sure God does Love You,

i. The Burden of the Lord,

Luke 9:23 "If any *man* will come after me, <u>let him deny himself</u>, and take up his cross daily, and follow me."

Acts 7:54 "When they heard these things, they were cut to the heart, and they gnashed on him with *their* teeth."

ii. I Have Loved You,

Romans 5:8 "But God commendeth his love toward us, in that, while we were yet sinners, Christ died for us."

Psalm 103:2 "Bless the LORD, O my soul, and forget not all his benefits:"

iii. Israel Chosen Over Esau,

I Corinthians 12:18 "But now hath God set the members every one of them in the body, as it hath pleased him."

Deuteronomy 4:36&37 "Out of heaven he made thee to hear his voice, that he might instruct thee: and upon earth he shewed thee his great fire; and thou heardest his words out of the midst of the fire.37And because he loved thy fathers, therefore he chose their seed after them, and brought thee out in his sight with his mighty power out of Egypt;"

Romans 9:11 (For *the children* being not yet born, neither having done any good or evil, that the purpose of God according to election might stand, not of works, but of him that calleth;)

Deuteronomy 7:7&8 "The LORD did not set his love upon you, nor choose you, because ye were more in number than any people; for ye *were* the fewest of all people:8But because the LORD loved you, and because he would keep the oath which he had sworn unto your fathers, hath the LORD brought you out with a mighty hand, and redeemed you out of the house of bondmen, from the hand of Pharaoh king of Egypt."

Ezekiel 25:12-14 "Thus saith the Lord GOD; Because that Edom hath dealt against the house of Judah by taking vengeance, and hath greatly offended, and revenged himself upon them; 13Therefore thus saith the Lord GOD; I will also stretch out mine hand upon Edom, and will cut off man and beast from it; and I will make it desolate from Teman; and they of Dedan shall fall by the sword. 14And I will lay my vengeance upon Edom by the hand of my people Israel: and they shall do in Edom according to mine anger and according to my fury; and they shall know my vengeance, saith the Lord GOD"

Psalm 35:27 "Let them shout for joy, and be glad, that favour my righteous cause: yea, let them say continually, Let the LORD be magnified, which hath pleasure in the prosperity of his servant."

Exodus 34:24 "For I will cast out the nations before thee, and enlarge thy borders: neither shall any man desire thy land ..."