

April 24, 2022
Living Into Easter: Stay on Message
Malachi 1:1-5

The Message of God's Love (vv. 1-2a)

"I have loved you, I do love you, I will love you"
(Malachi 1:2a, William Morgan translation).

"If you love me, you will keep my commandments" (John 14:15).

The Message of the difficulty of active waiting (vv. 2b-4)

"...but Esau I have hated. I have laid waste his hill country and left his heritage to jackals of the desert" (Malachi 1:3).

"No one can serve two masters, for either he will hate the one and love the other, or he will be devoted to the one and despise the other. You cannot serve God and money. Therefore I tell you, do not be anxious about your life...But seek first the kingdom of God and His righteousness, and all these things will be added to you" (Matthew 6:24-33).

The Message of God is the message of our lives (v. 5)

"Your own eyes shall see this, and you shall say, 'Great is the LORD beyond the border of Israel!'" (Malachi 1:5).

"No one has ever seen God; if we love one another, God abides in us and his love is perfected in us" (1 John 4:12).

"And if I have prophetic powers, and understand all mysteries and all knowledge, and if I have all faith, so as to remove mountains, but have not love, I am nothing" (1 Corinthians 13:2).

