

Why Debate with God

Malachi 1:1–5 (NIV) — (1) An oracle: The word of the LORD to Israel through Malachi. (2) “I have loved you,” says the LORD. “But you ask, ‘How have you loved us?’ “Was not Esau Jacob’s brother?” the LORD says. “Yet I have loved Jacob, (3) but Esau I have hated, and I have turned his mountains into a wasteland and left his inheritance to the desert jackals.” (4) Edom may say, “Though we have been crushed, we will rebuild the ruins.” But this is what the LORD Almighty says: “They may build, but I will demolish. They will be called the Wicked Land, a people always under the wrath of the LORD. (5) You will see it with your own eyes and say, ‘Great is the LORD—even beyond the borders of Israel!’”

Isaiah 29:13 (The Message) — (13) The Master said: “These people make a big show of saying the right thing, but their hearts aren’t in it. Because they act like they’re worshiping me but don’t mean it,

I) **An Important Message A Urgent Message**

II) **Arguing With God?**

Romans 5:8 (NIV) — (8) But God demonstrates his own love for us in this: While we were still sinners, Christ died for us.

Proverbs 22:6 (NIV) — (6) Train a child in the way he should go, and when he is old he will not turn from it.

Jeremiah 5:8 (NIV) — (8) They are well-fed, lusty stallions, each neighing for another man’s wife.

III) **A Message Of God’s Love**

IV) **The Unadvised Determination Of The Edomites**

Deuteronomy 4:29–31 (NIV) — (29) But if from there you seek the LORD your God, you will find him if you look for him with all your heart and with all your soul. (30) When you are in distress and all these things have happened to you, then in later days you will return to the LORD your God and obey him. (31) For the LORD your God is a merciful God; he will not abandon or destroy you or forget the covenant with your forefathers, which he confirmed to them by oath.

Matthew 7:21–23 (NIV) — (21) “Not everyone who says to me, ‘Lord, Lord,’ will enter the kingdom of heaven, but only he who does the will of my Father who is in heaven. (22) Many will say to me on that day, ‘Lord, Lord, did we not prophesy in your name, and in your name drive out demons and perform many miracles?’ (23) Then I will tell them plainly, ‘I never knew you. Away from me, you evildoers!’”

V) **The Lord Wants To Reveal His Glory**