

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!’

2 Timothy 3:15–16 (NLT) — (15) You have been taught the holy Scriptures from childhood, and they have given you the wisdom to receive the salvation that comes by trusting in Christ Jesus. **(16)** All Scripture is inspired by God and is useful to teach us what is true and to make us realize what is wrong in our lives. It corrects us when we are wrong and teaches us to do what is right.

Romans 15:2–4 (NLT) — (2) We should help others do what is right and build them up in the Lord. **(3)** For even Christ didn’t live to please himself. As the Scriptures say, “The insults of those who insult you, O God, have fallen on me.” **(4)** Such things were written in the Scriptures long ago to teach us. And the Scriptures give us hope and encouragement as we wait patiently for God’s promises to be fulfilled.

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 worshipping me but don’t mean it,

Matthew 15:8 (NIV) — (8) “ ‘These people honor me with their lips, but their hearts are far from me.

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.

Acts 12:21–23 (NIV) — (21) On the appointed day Herod, wearing his royal robes, sat on his throne and delivered a public address to the people. **(22)** They shouted, “This is the voice of a god, not of a man.” **(23)** Immediately, because Herod did not give praise to God, an angel of the Lord struck him down, and he was eaten by worms and died.

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.

Romans 1:21 (The Living Bible) — (21) Yes, they knew about him all right, but they wouldn’t admit it or worship him or even thank him for all his daily care. And after a while they began to think up silly ideas of what God was like and what he wanted them to do. The result was that their foolish minds became dark and confused.

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

Luke 14:26 (NIV) — (26) “If anyone comes to me and does not hate his father and mother, his wife and children, his brothers and sisters—yes, even his own life—he cannot be my disciple.

1 Corinthians 1:28 (NIV) — (28) He chose the lowly things of this world and the despised things—and the things that are not—to nullify the things that are,

III) The Unadvised Determination Of The Edomites

Matthew 5:43–45 (NLT) — (43) “You have heard the law that says, ‘Love your neighbor’ and hate your enemy. **(44)** But I say, love your enemies! Pray for those who persecute you! **(45)** In that way, you will be acting as true children of your Father in heaven. For he gives his sunlight to both the evil and the good, and he sends rain on the just and the unjust alike.

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!’

IV) The Lord Wants To Reveal His Glory

V) How Do We Exalt God with Our Life