



Waiting for Hope: A Study on the Book of Malachi

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**MAIN MESSAGE: Continued Covenant Love between God and His people, though they disregard and do not properly worship Him.**

## **REMINDER OF GOD'S COVENANT LOVE FOR ISRAEL (1:1-5)**

Deuteronomy 7:9; I Kings 8:23; PSALM 89:28

## **REPEATED PATTERN OF THE DISPUTES:**

1. The Lord says something to Israel about how they have **DISHONORED** Him.
2. The people then **QUESTION** Him or **ARGUE** with what He says.
3. Finally, the Lord **AFFIRMS** what He has said previously and **EXPANDS** the charge He brings against them.

## **HOW WE HAVE BROKEN COVENANT WITH GOD-5 DISPUTES BETWEEN THE LORD AND HIS PEOPLE**

1. We have dishonored God with our **MEANINGLESS WORSHIP** (1:6- 2:9)
2. We have broken covenant in **MARRIAGE** (2:10-16)
3. We have broken the covenant through **INJUSTICE** (2:17-3:5)
4. We have broken the covenant by **WITHHOLDING TITHES**. (3:6-12)
5. We have **SPOKEN ARROGANTLY AGAINST GOD** (3:13-14)

Lamentations 3:40-41 "Let's examine and probe our ways and turn back to the Lord. Let us lift our hearts and our hands to God in heaven."