

Day 2 – How Have You Loved Us? (Malachi 1:2b)

Reflection

Israel responds with skepticism: “How have You loved us?” Disappointment had produced doubt. Though they were back from exile and the temple was rebuilt, life was still hard. They measured God’s love by present hardship.

We often fall into the same pattern. When prayers seem unanswered, or progress feels delayed, we quietly wonder if God still cares. But hardship is not proof of abandonment. God may be refining, preparing, or working in unseen ways.

Christian faith does not promise immediate gratification; it promises transformation and eternal reward.

Illustration

A farmer plants seeds and sees no growth for weeks. The unseen work beneath the soil doesn’t mean nothing is happening. The farmer continues to work and prepare for the eventual growth that he believes will come.

Application

Are you evaluating God by circumstances or by His promises?

Pray honestly about areas where disappointment has led to doubt. Ask God to realign your heart with His truth.