***Who is truly loving?***

*October 31, 2018 Malachi 1:1-5*

The oracle or \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ of the word of the Lord to Israel by Malachi…

1. The first four words: I HAVE LOVED YOU!
   1. He always starts with His love/grace!
      1. There is \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ you can do that will cause Me to love you any more or any less!
   2. Said versus declared
   3. Established relationship
2. The reply: Skepticism
   1. Acknowledge versus affirm?
      1. Jeremiah, Psalms, Mark
3. The answer: He takes our broken, skeptic heart and shows His beauty!
   1. Three declarations/demonstrations of His love
      1. His Sovereign \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ of them
         1. “Yet”
      2. His Sovereign \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ for them
      3. His Sovereign \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ for \_\_\_\_\_\_ nations!
         1. Mark 3:8
         2. John 3:16, 1 John 4:10, Ephesians 2:4-7, Romans 5:6-11, Romans 8:31-34, 38-39

**Homework Direction for next week:**

1. What patterns/repeated words do you find in Malachi 1:6-14? How does God reference Himself in this chapter?
2. Define despised and polluted.
3. What two questions does the Lord God ask the people (verse 6)?
4. What two questions do the people ask of the Lord (vs 6-7)? In a sentence summarize the Lord of Host’s response to each.
5. Both of these verses are crucial next week: pick one to memorize and meditate on! Malachi 1:11 or Malachi 1:14