

Messenger:

The Love of the Father

Malachi 1:1-5

Genesis 3:14- 15 So the Lord God said to the serpent,
“Because you have done this, “Cursed are you above all
livestock and all wild animals! You will crawl on your
belly and you will eat dust all the days of your life. 15
And I will put enmity between you and the woman, and
between your offspring and hers; he will crush your
head, and you will strike his heel.”

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Joshua 1:6-9 “Be strong and courageous, for you are the one who will lead these people to possess all the land I swore to their ancestors I would give them. 7 Be strong and very courageous. Be careful to obey all the instructions Moses gave you. Do not deviate from them, turning either to the right or to the left. Then you will be successful in everything you do. 8 Study this Book of Instruction continually. Meditate on it day and night so you will be sure to obey everything written in it. Only then will you prosper and succeed in all you do. 9 This is my command—be strong and courageous! Do not be afraid or discouraged. For the Lord your God is with you wherever you go.”

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- **Messenger = Burden in Hebrew**

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- Romans 2:4 Don't you see how wonderfully kind, tolerant, and patient God is with you? Does this mean nothing to you? Can't you see that his kindness is intended to turn you from your sin?

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“I said, ‘Hello, Michael. Can I ask you, what is the key to all your success?’ He thought about it. Then he said, ‘What you have to do is love basketball. You can’t be great unless you really love the game. Once you love basketball more than anyone else in the world, then you’re willing to sacrifice. You’re willing to wake up early. You’re willing to do what it takes to be the best. But first, you have to really love it.’ ”

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