

**“The Furnace of Renewal: Malachi”**  
**S.O.A.P. Bible Study**  
**June 1, 2008**

**S=Scripture:** Malachi 1:1-5

**O=Observation:** After carefully reading this text, answer the following questions: What characteristics of an argument or “lover’s quarrel” do you find in these verses? Who is the prophet and who are the recipients of this prophecy? What are the children of Israel asking of God? Why might they be asking this? How does God answer the question?

**A=Application:** Do you understand God’s choosing you and what election means? What argument does God have with you? How should your life and the life of our church change today in response to God’s word to you?

**P=Prayer:** Write out a prayer based on your meditation on this passage: