



# Return To Me

*Ps. Ludwig*

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# MALACHI 1:2-4

<sup>2</sup> “I have loved you,” says the LORD.  
“Yet you say, ‘In what way have You loved us?’  
Was not **Esau Jacob’s brother?**”

Says the LORD.  
“Yet Jacob I have loved;

<sup>3</sup> But **Esau I have hated,**  
And **laid waste his mountains** and his heritage  
For the jackals of the wilderness.”



4 Even though **Edom** has said,  
“We have been impoverished,  
**But we will return and build the desolate  
places,**”



# Esau & Jacob



Esau



Jacob

- **Twin brothers**
- **The Firstborn blessing (birthright)**
- **Jacob seeks the firstborn blessing**
- **Esau sells his firstborn blessing for a pot of porridge**



# GENESIS 25:30

<sup>30</sup> And **Esau** said to Jacob, “Please feed me with that same red *stew*, for I *am* weary.” Therefore his name was called **Edom**.

***The Edomites are the descendants of Esau.***





**ESAU**

- **Firstborn** after the **flesh**
- **Sells** his birthright
- Seeks after **Flesh**
- **Fleshly**



**JACOB**

- **Firstborn** after the **Spirit**
- **Purchases** the birthright
- Seeks after the **Spirit**
- **Spiritual**



# Romans 3:20

<sup>20</sup> Therefore by the **deeds** of the **law** **no flesh** will be **justified** in His sight, for by the law *is* the knowledge of sin.



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- 1. God's way is not the flesh but the Spirit**
  - *Esau (after the flesh) vs Jacob (after the spirit)*
- 2. Dependency on the flesh is Pride**
  - *Pride of Edom (Esau)*
- 3. Do Not RETURN and REBUILD what God has laid desolate (Luke 4:14 ; Ps 127:1)**
  - *Return in the power of the Spirit*
  - *Christian Activities does not equate spirituality*





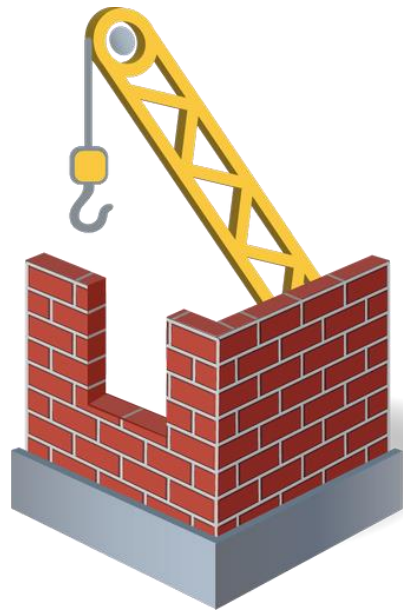
# Luke 4:14

**14** Then Jesus returned in the power of the **Spirit** to Galilee, and news of Him went out through all the surrounding region.



# Psalm 127:1

<sup>1</sup> Unless the **LORD builds the house,**  
They **labor in vain** who **build it;**  
Unless the LORD guards the city,  
The watchman stays awake in vain.



# Jeremiah 24:7

<sup>7</sup> Then I will give them a **heart** to know Me, that I *am* the LORD; and they shall be My people, and I will be their God, for **they shall return to Me** with their **whole heart**.

