

Today we're starting a new book of the bible

called Malachi . He was a

Prophet who spoke

God's word to his people. At the time when Malachi was speaking, God's people were

getting tired of following God

and Malachi warned

them that they were getting close to not being friends with God at all because their hearts were not in a good place. But the big

point of the whole of Malachi is that God is

calling his people to return

to him because he loves them. That's what our passages starts with today. God tells his

people he has loved them but

they say he hasn't. Sometimes when hard

things happen in life we

might feel like God doesn't love us too. How does God answer?

He says, "I have chosen to love you."

We don't deserve

God's love but amazingly he chooses to love us.
God's people who Malachi was speaking to

seemed to be looking at

countries around them who seemed to be
doing well, but God's people were

not doing well. God reminds them

that the wicked will not

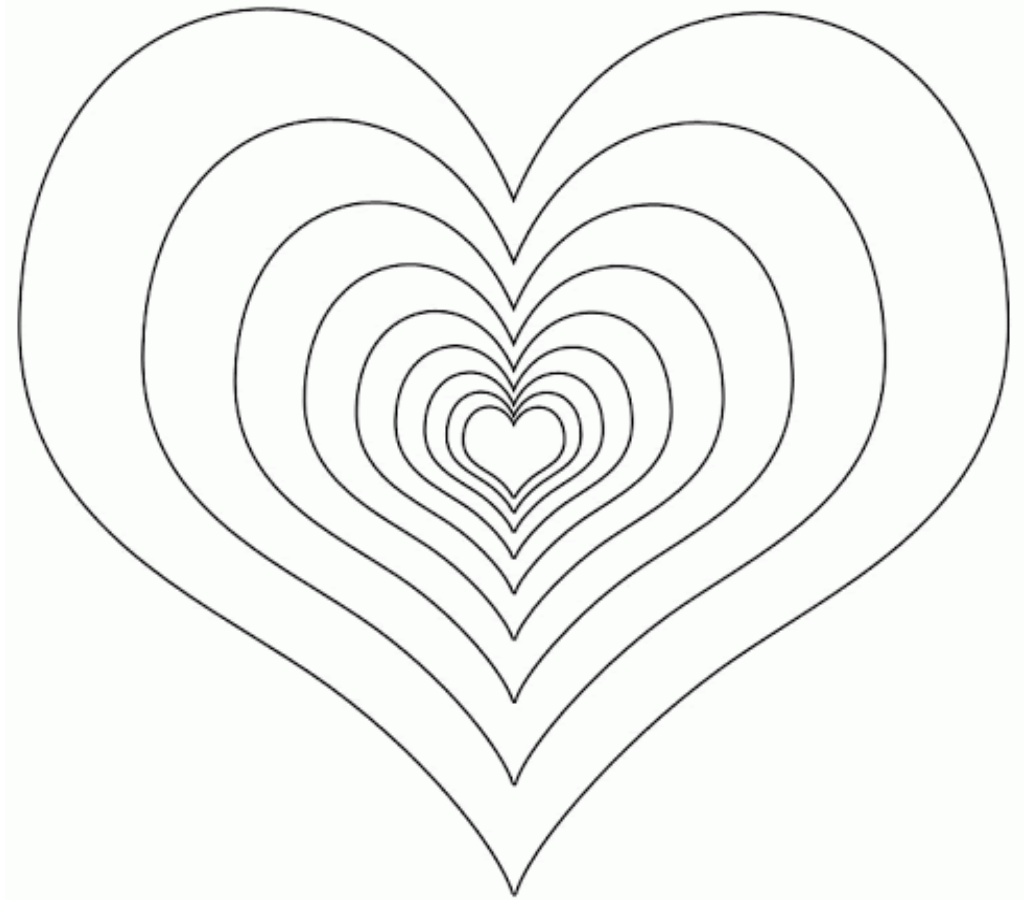
succeed. He also

gives them hope that he will change their

hearts so they will be able

to see God's greatness and worship him.

Colour the picture of a heart below and ask God to help you love him
and see his greatness.



Good

loves us