

MESSAGE

Occasion : Prayer Service
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TITLE : **WHAT GOD DOES FOR THEM THAT LOVE HIM**
Text/s :

1 Cor 2:9

9 But as it is written, Eye hath not seen, nor ear heard, neither have entered into the heart of man, the things which God hath prepared for them that love him.

1 Jn 4:19

19 We love him, because he first loved us.

Mark 12:28-30

28 And one of the scribes came, and having heard them reasoning together, and perceiving that he had answered them well, asked him, Which is the first commandment of all?

29 And Jesus answered him, The first of all the commandments is, Hear, O Israel; The Lord our God is one Lord:

30 And thou shalt love the Lord thy God with all thy heart, and with all thy soul, and with all thy mind, and with all thy strength: this is the first commandment.

Deut 6:5-9

5 And thou shalt love the LORD thy God with all thine heart, and with all thy soul, and with all thy might.

6 And these words, which I command thee this day, shall be in thine heart:

7 And thou shalt teach them diligently unto thy children, and shalt talk of them when thou sittest in thine house, and when thou walkest by the way, and when thou liest down, and when thou risest up.

8 And thou shalt bind them for a sign upon thine hand, and they shall be as frontlets between thine eyes.

9 And thou shalt write them upon the posts of thy house, and on thy gates.

Bible Reading :

Mark 12:30

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Rom 5:5

5 And hope maketh not ashamed; because the love of God is shed abroad in our hearts by the Holy Ghost which is given unto us.

Rom 5:1-8

1 Therefore being justified by faith, we have peace with God through our Lord Jesus Christ:

2 By whom also we have access by faith into this grace wherein we stand, and rejoice in hope of the glory of God.

3 And not only so, but we glory in tribulations also: knowing that tribulation worketh patience;

4 And patience, experience; and experience, hope:

5 And hope maketh not ashamed; because the love of God is shed abroad in our hearts by the Holy Ghost which is given unto us.

6 For when we were yet without strength, in due time Christ died for the ungodly.

7 For scarcely for a righteous man will one die: yet peradventure for a good man some would even dare to die.

8 But God commendeth his love toward us, in that, while we were yet sinners, Christ died for us.

Song/s :

The love of God is greater far than tongue or pen can ever tell

It goes beyond the highest star and reaches to the lowest hell
The guilty pair bowed down with care, God gave His to win
His erring child, He reconciled and pardoned from his sin.

O love of God, how rich and pure, how measureless and strong
It shall forevermore endure the saints and angels song

Could we with ink the ocean fill and were the skies of parchment made
Were every stalk on earth a quill and every man a scribe by trade
To write the love of God above would drain the ocean dry
Nor could the scroll contain the whole tho stretched from sky to sky

INTRODUCTION

Love is a wonder. It's a force greater than what we can think of. God's love is an even greater wonder for us.

- It was His love that moved Him to send His Son to die on the cross, pay for our sin and offer salvation and eternal life to those that believe
Rom 5:8
8 But God commendeth his love toward us, in that, while we were yet sinners, Christ died for us.
- It was His love that made us to be His sons
I Jn 3:1
1 Behold, what manner of love the Father hath bestowed upon us, that we should be called the sons of God: therefore the world knoweth us not, because it knew him not.
- It is His love that constrains us or hold and keep us
2 Cor 5:14
14 For the love of Christ constraineth us; because we thus judge, that if one died for all, then were all dead:
- It is His love that results to a love that we have for the brethren
I Jn 3:14-17
14 We know that we have passed from death unto life, because we love the brethren. He that loveth not his brother abideth in death.
15 Whosoever hateth his brother is a murderer: and ye know that no murderer hath eternal life abiding in him.
16 Hereby perceive we the love of God, because he laid down his life for us: and we ought to lay down our lives for the brethren.
17 But whoso hath this world's good, and seeth his brother have need, and shutteth up his bowels of compassion from him, how dwelleth the love of God in him?
I Jn 4:12
12 No man hath seen God at any time. If we love one another, God dwelleth in us, and his love is perfected in us.
- It is His love that make us to love Him back
I Jn 4:19
19 We love him, because he first loved us.

My Jesus I love Thee, I know Thou art mine

To Thee all the follies of sin I resign
My gracious Redeemer, my Savior art Thou
If ever I loved Thee my Jesus 'tis now

I love Thee because Thou has first loved me
And purchased my pardon on Calvary's tree
I love Thee for wearing the thorns on Thy brow
If ever I loved Thee, my Jesus 'tis now

I'll love Thee in life, I will love Thee in death
And praise Thee as long as thou lendest me breath
And say when the deathdew lies cold on my brow
If ever I loved Thee, my Jesus 'tis now

In mansions of glory and endless delight
I'll ever adore Thee in heaven so bright
I'll sing with the glittering crown on my brow
If ever I loved thee, my Jesus 'tis now

What advantage has he who shows love for Christ? What advantage has the one who veers away from the love for the world to the love for God?

I Jn 2:15-17

- 15 Love not the world, neither the things that are in the world. If any man love the world, the love of the Father is not in him.
16 For all that is in the world, the lust of the flesh, and the lust of the eyes, and the pride of life, is not of the Father, but is of the world.
17 And the world passeth away, and the lust thereof: but he that doeth the will of God abideth for ever.

We cannot put away the fact that love for God is something that is commanded for believers to have and do - and for every command, there should be corresponding blessing for the obedient.

A) He is gracious to them that love Him

Eph 6:24

24 Grace be with all them that love our Lord Jesus Christ in sincerity. Amen.

Grace - that is divine favor. That means over all other creatures, God extends His favor to them that love Him.

B) He loves them that love Him

Prov 8:17

17 I love them that love me; and those that seek me early shall find me.

John 14:21

21 He that hath my commandments, and keepeth them, he it is that loveth me: and he that loveth me shall be loved of my Father, and I will love him, and will manifest myself to him.

John 14:23

23 Jesus answered and said unto him, If a man love me, he will keep my words: and my Father will love him, and we will come unto him, and make our abode with him.

C) He is merciful and faithfulness to them the love Him

Exod 20:5-6

- 5 Thou shalt not bow down thyself to them, nor serve them: for I the LORD thy God am a jealous God, visiting the iniquity of the fathers upon the children unto the third and fourth generation of them that hate me;
- 6 And shewing mercy unto thousands of them that love me, and keep my commandments.

Deut 7:9

- 9 Know therefore that the LORD thy God, he is God, the faithful God, which keepeth covenant and mercy with them that love him and keep his commandments to a thousand generations;

Neh 1:5

- 5 And said, I beseech thee, O LORD God of heaven, the great and terrible God, that keepeth covenant and mercy for them that love him and observe his commandments:

D) He exalts them that love Him

Judg 5:31

- 31 So let all thine enemies perish, O LORD: but let them that love him be as the sun when he goeth forth in his might. And the land had rest forty years.

Prov 4:18

- 18 But the path of the just is as the shining light, that shineth more and more unto the perfect day.

Exaltation and victory. Weeping may endure for a night but joy cometh in the morning.

Ps 30:5

- 5 For his anger endureth but a moment; in his favour is life: weeping may endure for a night, but joy cometh in the morning.

E) He preserves them that love Him

Ps 145:20

- 20 The LORD preserveth all them that love him: but all the wicked will he destroy.

He is the Keeper of all them that love Him. He loves, He saves, He keeps. He guards, protects, puts hedge about.

F) He prepares indescribable things to them that love Him

1 Cor 2:9

- 9 But as it is written, Eye hath not seen, nor ear heard, neither have entered into the heart of man, the things which God hath prepared for them that love him.

Isa 64:4

- 4 For since the beginning of the world men have not heard, nor perceived by the ear, neither hath the eye seen, O God, beside thee, what he hath prepared for him that waiteth for him.

God has good preparation or provision for them that love Him. This is not just a provision for the hereafter but a provision even now. The light, life and liberty that we have now. I have a joy, joy, joy, joy down in my heart. I have a peace that passeth understanding down in my heart. It not just a provision now because it also means there is a lot in reserved.

“Pardon for sin and a peace that endureth,
Thine own dear presence to cheer and to guide;
Strength for today and bright hope for tomorrow,
Blessings all mine with ten thousand beside”

Isa 40:31

31 But they that wait upon the LORD shall renew their strength; they shall mount up with wings as eagles; they shall run, and not be weary; and they shall walk, and not faint.

G) He promises a crown of life to them that love Him

James 1:12

12 Blessed is the man that endureth temptation: for when he is tried, he shall receive the crown of life, which the Lord hath promised to them that love him.

Love for God enables us to endure. Such love for God and endurance bring for us a crown of life. Love feels no loads. Love endures. So the promise of the crown of life.

H) He promises His kingdom to them that love Him

James 2:5

5 Hearken, my beloved brethren, Hath not God chosen the poor of this world rich in faith, and heirs of the kingdom which he hath promised to them that love him?

Rom 8:16-18

16 The Spirit itself beareth witness with our spirit, that we are the children of God:

17 And if children, then heirs; heirs of God, and joint-heirs with Christ; if so be that we suffer with him, that we may be also glorified together.

18 For I reckon that the sufferings of this present time are not worthy to be compared with the glory which shall be revealed in us.

I) He promises eventual good to them that love Him

Rom 8:28

28 And we know that all things work together for good to them that love God, to them who are the called according to his purpose.

The understanding of the will of God (through whatever situation) is revealed to those that love the Lord. What a promise to them that love God. A non-lover of God cannot hold and claim such a verse. A lover of God does! It means that whatever pain, trials, affliction, trouble - God employs them to a special service for you - your GOOD. A lover of God does not dwell in sin, he obeys, and whatever he undergoes because of that obedience - to him this promise is made.

Ps 91:14-16

14 Because he hath set his love upon me, therefore will I deliver him: I will set him on high, because he hath known my name.

15 He shall call upon me, and I will answer him: I will be with him in trouble; I will deliver him, and honour him.

16 With long life will I satisfy him, and shew him my salvation.

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