

## God, The Father

*He that loveth not knoweth not God; for God is love.*

1 John 4:8

Most of the world's population can attest to having heard of God. Should His name be mentioned, few people in modern civilization are without awareness of who is being spoken of. Today we are reaching third world countries making the introduction. For thus saith the Lord that created the heavens; God himself that formed the earth and made it; he hath established it, he created it not in vain, he formed it to be inhabited: I am the Lord; and there is none else. Isaiah 45:18

God is the Almighty, Most High, Alpha and Omega, the beginning and the end, the same yesterday, today, and tomorrow; never changing, Creator of the heavens and earth, and all thereof. He is King of kings and Lord of lords. God is love, this is His nature. Before the mountains were brought forth, or ever thou hadst formed the earth and the world, even from everlasting to everlasting, thou art God. Psalm 90:2 God has always been.

Many profess to know of God but not about Him, nor understanding His nature. His divine essence is love and is expressed solely for His most precious creation, you. For all things are for your sakes, that the abundant grace might through the thanksgiving of many rebound to the glory of God. 2 Corinthians 4:15 We are of God and belong to Him.

His love is an agape love unconditional without boundaries, manipulations or stipulations, for it has no dimension. There is no measure of depth, width, or height, nor limitations. And we have known and believed the love that God hath to us. God is love; and he that dwelleth in love dwelleth in God, and God in him. 1 John 4:16 Such a love greatly surpasses our carnal ability to comprehend as our human instinct places conditions on this emotion.

He is Spirit manifested in the trinity of the Father, the Son, and the Holy Ghost. God is a Spirit: and they that worship him must worship him in spirit and in truth. John 4:24 God presents Himself in the trinity, separately, for a specific and significant purpose in man's life. For example, the Son is sent from heaven to reconcile man to the Kingdom, and the Holy Ghost is a gift that we may have communion with God and receive His blessings. Everything has been premeditated and prepared for those who believe and established at the foundation of Creation.

Mercy and grace are always forthcoming from the Father. His blessings, promises, and gifts abound, and His power is sufficient to those who hold His truth. He gave His only begotten Son, a gift, who died that we may live because He loves us so much. For God so loved the world that he gave his only begotten Son, that whosoever believeth in him should not perish, but have everlasting life. John 3:16 He came down from the Kingdom of Heaven, born into flesh, lived as

a man, and died for the sins of the world because He didn't want anyone to be forsaken. God wants everyone to return to Him, for we are His children.

To understand God, we need to know love. However, we do not know of His kind of love for the mere reason we are born with a sinful nature. God's love is perfect, we are not. It is so important that His first two Commandments, or instructions for man's life are to love Him and love one another. When God established the Commandments for His people, the Israelites, He was telling them of His nature. 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. And the second is like, namely this, Thou shalt love thy neighbour as thyself. There is none other commandment greater than these. Mark 12:30-31

Christ taught this to His disciples when He told them to have charity, or love as it is the most important testament. Man only understands conditional love which can be infused with performance; and yet, we are supposed to have a love as Christ did, willing to die for another. Even though we fall short, we can know with assuredness that God's love is forgiving and forever as trespasses are not held against those who love Him and His Son. The world would be a far better place if there was more thoughtfulness and compassion springing forth from an attitude of brotherly love. We should be expressing the same love God shows towards us in our relationship with others.

If not for God, we would not be here for He is our Father, and if not for His Son, the finality of this life would be death with no hope of eternity. The most important thing is to maintain a strong communion with God, and it begins by establishing one with Christ. God is a parent who loves His children. Our desire should be to love Him with all our heart and never want to be apart from His presence. Who hath saved us, and called us with an holy calling, not according to our works, but according to his own purpose and grace, which was given us in Christ Jesus before the world began. 2 Timothy 1:9 We were first with God. We need to understand how deeply loved we are that no matter the degree of the sin committed, God forgives with continuous mercy and grace through His enduring and everlasting love.

There is only one unforgivable and unpardonable offense that will affect the love God has for us and that is blasphemy against the Holy Ghost. Wherefore I say unto you, All manner of sin and blasphemy shall be forgiven unto men: but the blasphemy against the Holy Ghost shall not be forgiven unto men. Matthew 12:31 Ill-favored and negative vocabulary implicating God, Christ, or the Holy Ghost is a sin against the trinity because speaking against one is unfavorable to all who is God. And whosoever speaketh a word against the Son of man, it shall be forgiven him: but whosoever speaketh against the Holy Ghost, it shall not be forgiven him, neither in this world, neither in the world to come. Matthew 12:32 This can also be reflected in our attitude and actions just as easily as with the spoken word.

We go unchecked in our communications, freely expressing ourselves sometimes to the detriment of others' feelings. Often our words may criticize, demean, and hurt rather than encourage, uplift, and praise. Language is so natural that we do not monitor the words that flow

from our lips. If any man among you seem to be religious, and bridled not his tongue, but deceiveth his own heart, this man's religion is vain. James 1:26 If we profess faith but do not filter our communication, faith becomes ineffectual in the eyes of God.

Caution is required with forethought when we open our mouth to speak understanding that inappropriate verbiage can be a sin. Derogatory comments have an impact on the recipient, but simultaneously boomerangs back on the accuser, for Christ is our witness. This is why we are reminded often in His Word to guard our tongue. For he that will love life, and see good days, let him refrain his tongue from evil, and his lips that they speak no guile. 1 Peter 3:10 We can also read in the Old Testament: Death and life are in the power of the tongue: and they that love it shall eat the fruit thereof. Proverbs 18:21 There is power in the spoken word be it for good or harm. And the tongue is a fire, a world of iniquity: so is the tongue among our members, that it defileth the whole body, and setteth on fire the course of nature; and it is set on fire of hell. James 3:6 We must monitor our communications for improper use of language is a detriment to our relationship with our heavenly Father.

God keeps no secrets from His children and shows no favoritism. We are all equally provided the treasures within the Kingdom, but we must seek them. For there is no respect of persons with God. Romans 2:11 Comprehending the nature of our heavenly Father and the principles of the Kingdom of Heaven prepares us to live for the glory of God. Let a man so account of us, as of the ministers of Christ, and stewards of the mysteries of God. 1 Corinthians 4:1

In an intimate communion with God, we can learn the plan the Father has preordained for our life. Our instructions are in the laws of His Kingdom, and we are responsible to know them. And he said, Unto you it is given to know the mysteries of the kingdom of God: but to others in parables; that seeing they might not see, and hearing they might not understand. Luke 8:10 Faithful in obedience to the Kingdom, we become stewards of Christ's ministry; disciples of His gospel.

When we become intimately connected with God, our will becomes His; and likewise, His becomes ours that we may glorify Him in all we say and do. His desire is to give us our desires when they align with His laws, so the things we ask in prayer may be given. And whatsoever ye do in word or deed, do all in the name of the Lord Jesus, giving thanks to God and the Father by him. Colossians 3:17 There is unison between the Father and His children that the will of God may be manifested through us. We have a responsibility in the relationship with our heavenly Father that we may establish our destiny unto His glory, and magnify His Kingdom with our words and deeds.

We are not to be worrisome because our needs have already been met. His mercy protects and His grace provides. There will never be a better place than enveloped in the love of God. The blessing of the Lord, it maketh rich, and he addeth no sorrow with it. Proverbs 10:22 When we accept that no one will ever do a more perfect job of troubleshooting a problem than God, we surrender our willfulness. Our best will always come up short to His perfection. It is when we put our complete reliance in God that we win victory over our battle, whatever it may be.

By our human weakness, we do not easily forgive. God did the very opposite and forgave us every wrongful deed, no matter the degree and instructs us to do the same by treating others as we wish to be treated. But I say unto you, Love your enemies, bless them that curse you, do good to them that hate you, and pray for them which despitefully use you, and persecute you. Matthew 5:44 Christ gave the example of how to love, but man is a selfish creature by default of sin. Our love has reservations.

When we truly love God and His Word abides in our heart, there is a completion to who we are in Christ and an understanding of how precious we are to our Father. Living in peace and fulfillment is to be close to Him, and showing compassion with a caring nature is a display of love. Beloved, I wish above all things that thou mayest prosper and be in health, even as thy soul prospereth. 3 John 1:2 God desires that our soul, the conscious and carnal aspect of our life, turns to Him so that we may prosper in all matters. As a parent, our Father wants only good things for His children.

Because of His love, God gives us Kingdom power to change our circumstances from bad to good, from poor to prosperous, from sickness to health, from death to life. Know the reality of who you belong to and that God will take care of you because He loves you. Love your Father by living as He says with peace, joy, kindness, and compassion in your heart. Fall in love with the Lord and your life will never be the same.

He will not force you into a relationship with Him. Instead, God has given each person the free will to decide and it is a choice; a decision made to live for God and want to be with Him. I call heaven and earth to record this day against you, that I have set before you life and death, blessing and cursing: therefore choose life, that both thou and thy seed may live: That thou mayest love the Lord thy God, and that thou mayest obey his voice, and that thou mayest cleave unto him: for he is thy life, and the length of thy days: that thou mayest dwell in the land which the Lord swore unto thy fathers, to Abraham, to Isaac, and to Jacob, to give them. Deuteronomy 30:19-20

Although this proclamation was for the children of Israel, it applies today. Our Father is commanding us to choose eternal life; otherwise, it will be the finality of death. Love your Father who loved you so much that He gave His Son to die that you may live forever. Choose life with God and His Son.

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