

True Love

Sunday Morning, February 2, 2014

Thesis:

God is Glorified Through Our Love Relationship With Him!

Introduction:

Two Rings Illustration

I. David Acknowledges The Presence of God In His Life

(Psalm 139: 1 – 18)

1 O Lord, You have searched me and known me.
2 You know my sitting down and my rising up;
You understand my thought afar off.
3 You comprehend my path and my lying down, And are
acquainted with all my ways.
4 For there is not a word on my tongue, But behold, O Lord, You
know it altogether.
5 You have hedged me behind and before, And laid Your hand
upon me.
6 Such knowledge is too wonderful for me; It is high, I cannot attain
it.
7 Where can I go from Your Spirit? Or where can I flee from Your
presence?
8 If I ascend into heaven, You are there; If I make my bed in hell,
behold, You are there.
9 If I take the wings of the morning, And dwell in the uttermost parts
of the sea,
10 Even there Your hand shall lead me, And Your right hand shall
hold me.
11 If I say, "Surely the darkness shall fall on me," Even the night
shall be light about me;
12 Indeed, the darkness shall not hide from You,
But the night shines as the day; The darkness and the light are both
alike to You.

(more of passage on next page)

13 For You formed my inward parts; You covered me in my
mother's womb.

14 I will praise You, for I am fearfully & wonderfully made;
Marvelous are Your works, And that my soul knows very well.

15 My frame was not hidden from You, When I was made in secret,
And skillfully wrought in the lowest parts of the earth.

16 Your eyes saw my substance, being yet unformed. And in Your
book they all were written, The days fashioned for me, When as yet
there were none of them.

17 How precious also are Your thoughts to me, O God! How great
is the sum of them!

18 If I should count them, they would be more in number than the
sand; When I awake, I am still with You.

Note:

Vs. 7 - O.T. , The Holy Spirit revealed Himself to individuals then
left them. Or His geographical presence was made known.

David, on the other hand, had the Spirit with him always.

(I Samuel 16:13)

Then Samuel took the horn of oil & anointed him in the midst of his
brothers; and the Spirit of the Lord came upon David from that day
forward. So Samuel arose and went to Ramah.

How Aware Are You of the Presence of God in Your Life?

II. Paul's Prayer Was For Believers To Be Rooted & Grounded in God's Love

(Ephesians 3: 14 – 19)

14 For this reason I bow my knees to the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ,
15 from whom the whole family in heaven and earth is named,
16 that He would grant you, according to the riches of His glory, to be strengthened with might through His Spirit in the inner man,
17 that Christ may dwell in your hearts through faith; that you, being rooted and grounded in love,
18 may be able to comprehend with all the saints what is the width and length and depth and height—
19 to know the love of Christ which passes knowledge; that you may be filled with all the fullness of God.

(John 3: 16)

For God so loved the world that He gave His only begotten Son, that whoever believes in Him should not perish but have everlasting life. [The Width of Love](#)

(Ephesians 3: 20 – 21)

20 Now to Him who is able to do exceedingly abundantly above all that we ask or think, according to the power that works in us,
21 to Him be glory in the church by Christ Jesus to all generations, forever and ever. Amen. [Length of Love](#)

(Romans 11:33)

Oh, the depth of the riches both of the wisdom and knowledge of God! How unsearchable are His judgments and His ways past finding out! [Depth of Love](#)

(Ephesians 4:8)

Therefore He says:
“When He ascended on high, He led captivity captive, And gave gifts to men.” [Height of Love](#)

III. What is the Difference Between Knowing and Discovering God's Love? (John 15: 1 – 11)

- 1 “I am the true vine, and My Father is the vinedresser.
- 2 Every branch in Me that does not bear fruit He takes away; and every branch that bears fruit He prunes, that it may bear more fruit.
- 3 You are already clean because of the word which I have spoken to you.
- 4 Abide in Me, and I in you. As the branch cannot bear fruit of itself, unless it abides in the vine, neither can you, unless you abide in Me.
- 5 “I am the vine, you are the branches. He who abides in Me, and I in him, bears much fruit; for without Me you can do nothing.
- 6 If anyone does not abide in Me, he is cast out as a branch and is withered; and they gather them and throw them into the fire, and they are burned.
- 7 If you abide in Me, and My words abide in you, you will ask what you desire, and it shall be done for you.
- 8 By this My Father is glorified, that you bear much fruit; so you will be My disciples.
- 9 “As the Father loved Me, I also have loved you; abide in My love.
- 10 If you keep My commandments, you will abide in My love, just as I have kept My Father’s commandments and abide in His love.
- 11 “These things I have spoken to you, that My joy may remain in you, and that your joy may be full.

Note: Vs. 9 - "not, continue to love Me"

[But, continue to in the possession and enjoyment of My Love to You!](#)

[Vs. 10 - cherishing and attracting the continuance and increase of Christ's love is true discipleship.](#)

Conclusion:

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Invitation

Lord's Supper Service:

(Matthew 26:26 – 29)