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God's Love

Various insights.

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LOVE IN THE KING JAMES BIBLE

The King James Bible uses the word charity in place of love. Charity is perhaps a far better word since the meaning of the word love in the mind of many today is only associated with romance and sex (mostly because of Hollywood movies and modern music).

Charity: embraces all of the following:

- To be benevolent and give aid help and assistance.
- To show generosity, goodwill, kindness tolerance and compassion.
- To show sympathy and consideration and be empathetic and understanding.

LOVE IN HEBREW

Love in Hebrew comes from the Hebrew word ('aheb) and embraces the following:

- To have affection for a person (romantically, sexually or as a lover).
- To be loved like a friend, a kinsman or family member.

LOVE IN GREEK

Love in Greek comes from nine different Greek words; the following lists these nine different words.

1. AGAPE: to love as in affection it means to show kindness and goodwill, to perform good and charitable acts without seeking to make a profit or personal gain.

2. **AGAPAO:** to love in a social or moral sense it carries the idea of a deliberate choice of the will as a matter of principle, duty and propriety.
3. **AGAB:** to love sensually, to cuddle, indulge, adore, dote, admire, pamper and dwell on a lover.
4. **PHILEO:** to love as a friend, to be fond of an individual, to have affection for (it implies an emotional feeling and personal attachment).
5. **PHILOS:** to be fond of and friendly (i.e., a friend, associate or a neighbour etc.).
6. **THELO:** to wish with delight or in desire, to be inclined to prefer or choose.
7. **BOULOMAI:** to will, to intend, to be willingly minded and to be of one's own will.
8. **THUMOS:** passion (as if breathing hard) with fierceness, indignation or wrath.
9. **NOUS:** to love with the intellect, the mind (divine or human) in thought, feeling or will (i.e., loving and understanding with the mind).

LOVE, THE LAW, GRACE AND THE GOSPEL

The spirit behind the law is love because each law protects another human from harm. In the book of Romans Paul states:

- Love does no wrong to a neighbour; therefore love is the fulfilling of the law. (Romans 13:10).

The spirit of the law is to protect the innocent from physical, financial, sexual, verbal and emotional and spiritual harm, thus those who know God aim to keep the Law because it is the right and loving thing to do. It fulfils the Ten Commandments regarding man, and the Royal Law: -

- Love your neighbour as yourself (Mark 12:31) (Jas 2:8).

It pleases God and brings a good testimony to His name and the name of, Jesus and the Christian faith. Those who belong to Christ aim to keep the law not to get saved, but because they are saved. They understand that righteousness is a free gift of God that comes through faith in the Lord Jesus Christ and cannot be earned by self-effort. Though the law is splendid as a guide to understanding God's will, as a means of reunion with God, the God we have sinned against, it is a hopeless failure nevertheless both law and grace go together, the law without the Gospel is diagnosis without remedy, but the Gospel without law is only the Good News of salvation for people who don't believe they need it because they have never heard the bad news of judgment, the law is not the Gospel, but the Gospel is not lawless (Rom. 3:19-20) (Eph. 2:13-22).

LOVE AND THE PROPHETS MICAH, ISAIAH AND JEREMIAH

- **Micah wrote:** "What the LORD requires of mankind is to do justice, love kindness, and walk humbly with their God" (Micah 6:5-10).
- **Isaiah says:** "The LORD loves justice, hates robbery and wrong doing" (Isaiah 61:8).
- **Jeremiah said:** "Those who know God practise steadfast love, justice, and righteousness in the earth, because it is in these things that God delights" (Jer. 9:24).

The great prophets Micah, Isaiah and Jeremiah clearly show us that the people the LORD loves are not only those who acknowledge God, but who also uphold justice, do not lie, deceive or make promises they do not

intend to keep, but speak the truth, do what is right, show respect and give help to others when able and make choices that lead to peace. These are the things the LORD delights in and that bring His favour.

LOVE AND JESUS FAMOUS SERMON ON THE MOUNT

The constant theme throughout Jesus famous Sermon on the Mount is doing what is right before God by seeking the way of peace in all situations. Jesus calls Christians to treat people fairly and with respect, dignity, decency grace compassion, kindness, mercy and to be quick to forgive, which means that living a life that honours God and the Lord Jesus Christ is about doing all we can do to protect people from harm and being dominated by the thought:

- What action can I take or do that will help and encourage this person.

It is all about doing right to others, thus the reason the message Jesus spoke on the mountain is referred to as, "The Famous Sermon" because the principals if followed not only by Christians but all humanity are the only way to peace (Matt 5).

- These are the things that delight the heart of God.

For further information on Jesus Famous Sermon see:

- Matthew 5 in Commentary New Testament (ON WEBSITE MENU).

LOVE THE HIGHEST GIFT

Ever wondered what the Spirit and heart of God desires from us? What the most valued Spirit and the highest goal God yearns that all in the global family of Christ would seek after? Some might say, "Scriptural knowledge and spiritual gifts" while others might think, "Greater faith." Obviously, these are all good to seek after, but what does God consider the highest gift? Consider the following words of the apostle Paul: -

- "If I speak in the tongues of men and of angels, but have not LOVE, I am a noisy gong or a clanging cymbal and if I have prophetic powers, and understand all mysteries and all knowledge, and if I have all faith, so as to remove mountains, but have not LOVE, I am nothing. If I give away all I have, and if I deliver up my body to be burned, but have not LOVE, I gain nothing (1 Cor. 13:1-3).

To highlight God's attitude toward love even more Paul shines a mega floodlight on what God gives the highest priority by finishing his message with the words, faith, hope and love abide, but the greatest of these three is love (1 Cor. 13:13). Clearly for those in Christ's Kingdom who are seeking to honour God and desiring to hear those comforting words of their Lord, "Well done good and faithful servant."

The best advice I could give is to magnify and enlarge love so that it swells to overflowing in the heart because everything that flows out from love will honour God and the name of the Lord Jesus Christ and the Christian faith.

LOVE, GOD'S HOLINESS AND SIN

- **1 John 4:19:** We love because he first loved us.

Here if the glory the majesty the wonder the splendour of the Christian faith, "We love because he first loved us." How can there be any more glorious and comforting words than these.

PONDER FOR A MOMENT

God loved you long before you loved him, so how much more will he now love you, now that you love Him. Many Christians as they grow spiritually in God's love begin to perceive the enormity of sin (selfishness, pride, lustful thoughts, greed jealousies, dormant anger etc.), dwelling within the utter most depth of their own heart and upon perceiving this ugliness dwelling within begin to feel that God cannot possibly love them, but this ugliness has nothing to do with God's love toward us. Paul wrote:

- God shows his love for us in that while we were still sinners, Christ died for us (Romans 5:8).

God not only accepted us with a loving heart full of grace and mercy, but Christ his beloved Son willing laid down his life for us even though he and his heavenly Father clearly understood all our ugly sinful dysfunctions and aberrations that dwell within long before we came to God in love through our faith in His Son the Lord Jesus Christ.

Perceiving the ugliness and depth of indwelling sin (i.e., selfishness, pride, ego, lustful thoughts, jealousies, envy and such like things) is not only a sign of spiritual growth, but also a sign that we are spiritually moving toward God, since the further we enter into His pure and Holy Light the clearer we will see the ugliness that we have been saved from.

LOVE AND DOUBT

The following is the most perfect example of love and the most splendid and humbling of all Scriptures since it clearly shows how much Christ loves us, the apostle Paul wrote the following to the brothers and sisters at Rome:

- While we were still weak, at the right time Christ died for the ungodly (Rom 5:6).

Meaning though we were full of sinful dysfunctions and aberrations dwelling within our bodies (i.e., self, ego, pride, greed and lustful thoughts etc.,) Christ died for us, he laid down his life that we could be made righteous by 'Faith' apart from the law, self-effort and works. In spite of our corrupted fallen nature God counts our faith in Christ as our righteousness it is imputed to us as a pure and free gift. Though some of us might die for a friend or loved one, Christ died for us while we were ungodly, meaning indifferent to God and His ways and in many cases blasphemers, consider; if God was willing to Sacrifice His Son for us while we were at our worst by sending his Son is there anything else he wouldn't gladly do to save us now we love His Son (Romans 5:10-11).

Some in the Christian faith determine whether God loves them by their good or bad circumstances, (i.e., if life is calm and running smoothly God loves them, but if it suddenly takes a turn for the worse and trouble comes they feel God has withdrawn his love), but this is superstition and judging God according to this world, when anyone who believes in Christ doubts God's love all we have to do is look back to the cross and see what it cost the Father to save us and how much his Son suffered so that we could have put upon us a royal crown and majestic robe of righteousness apart from the law and works and not only be justified but granted eternal life in everlasting glory.

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LOVE AND VARIOUS INSIGHTS

Love and Emotion: love is a true emotion, but it is not rational, people actually feel it, yet love cannot be proved scientifically, such is Christian faith it cannot be explained scientifically, it is a mystery, yet those who believe it also feel it, like love Christianity is something you feel, and it comes from the heart.

Intimacy and love: many people fear intimacy, because they fear what people will think of them it is often a reason some people don't get very close to others they feel that people will really like them a lot when they only know them a little, but if people, knew them a lot, they wouldn't like them. This fear is what scares and stops some people allowing others to get to close they fear that if people know them to well, they wouldn't like them anymore.

Marriage and Love: a good marriage is worth the trade (i.e., you lose your freedom, but you get this incredible friend).

Romance and Love: society puts an enormous amount of pressure on romantic love, perhaps this is why so many marriages fail. Romance can't possibly carry all that is expected of it.

God and Love: by reducing Christian spirituality to formula, we deprive our hearts of wonder.

Self and Love: we would never talk so negatively to our neighbour the way we silently talk to ourselves in our minds, because we know it is wrong to kick other people around, yet we do it to ourselves all the time.

God's Love: God's love will never change a person if they don't accept it.