

THE FATHER'S LOVE - PDF

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“THE FATHER’S LOVE”

(All Scriptures in AMP)

1. God Loves Us as Much as He Loves Jesus — A Revelation We Often Miss

There are moments in life when we fail, when we overlook things, or when we simply don't realize how deeply God loves us. Many believers have never truly grasped the reality that the Father loves us **just as much as He loves Jesus**. This is not a small truth—this is the foundation of everything in the Christian life.

God's heart toward us says, “I love you that much. I sent Jesus to bring you back to My love.”

When this becomes real—when it becomes revelation—it becomes easier to understand that He wants to take care of us, provide for us, and bless us. When you love someone, you want to give them the world. God has already done that by giving us Jesus. His love is the reason He provides, protects, and restores.

Scripture (AMP):

“I in them and You in Me... so that the world may know... that You have loved them, just as You have loved Me.” — John 17:23

“He who did not spare His own Son, but gave Him up for us all...” — Romans 8:32

Key Points:

- Many fail to realize God’s equal love for us and Jesus.
- Jesus was sent to restore us to the Father’s love.
- God’s love motivates His provision.
- The gift of Jesus proves His desire to care for us.

2. Revelation vs. Mental Assent — Why Many Struggle to Believe God’s Love

People read scripture and mentally agree with it, but mental agreement is not revelation.

Revelation is when truth becomes alive inside you. Revelation is when the Holy Spirit makes the Word real.

Until a person receives the revelation of God’s love, they will misunderstand prayer, blessings, and identity. They will think God loves others more than them. They will work for what God wants to freely give. Religion trains people to strive, but revelation frees them to receive.

Scripture (AMP):

“We have come to know [by personal observation and experience] and have believed [with deep, consistent faith] the love which God has for us.” — 1 John 4:16

“The natural man does not accept the things of the Spirit...” — 1 Corinthians 2:14

Key Points:

- Mental assent is not revelation.
- Without revelation, prayer and blessings are misunderstood.
- Religion produces striving.
- Revelation enables receiving.

3. The Family Analogy — Understanding God’s Equal Love

Parents love all their children, but children often perceive love differently.

The oldest may feel special, the youngest may feel favored, and the middle child may feel overlooked. But the parent's heart loves each child fully and equally.

This is how God loves us. No believer is "less loved."

The same love He has for Jesus flows to us because Jesus lives in us. And as we abide in Him, that love becomes visible to others.

Scripture (AMP):

"See what an incredible quality of love the Father has shown to us, that we would be called children of God." — **1 John 3:1**

"God shows no partiality." — **Romans 2:11**

Key Points:

- Children perceive love differently.
- Parents love all children equally.
- God shows no partiality.
- Jesus in us enables us to love others.

4. The Evidence of Abiding — Joy, Peace, and Fearlessness

When we abide in God's love, people notice.

They ask why we're always smiling, why we seem joyful, why we appear unbothered. The answer is simple: **"I know my Father."**

Knowing who we belong to brings confidence.

God provides, protects, and stays with us. Perfect love casts out fear, so fear loses its grip.

Even in danger, God's love empowers supernatural strength—like parents lifting cars off children. That's love in action. God moved heaven and earth to rescue us through Jesus.

Scripture (AMP):

"Perfect love drives out fear." — **1 John 4:18**

"The joy of the Lord is your strength." — **Nehemiah 8:10**

“If God is for us, who can be against us?” — Romans 8:31

Key Points:

- Abiding produces visible joy and peace.
- Confidence comes from knowing the Father.
- Perfect love removes fear.
- God’s love empowers supernatural strength.

5. God’s Heart as a Parent — Sacrificial, Merciful, and Protective

As a parent, it becomes easier to understand God’s heart.

Parents will do anything for their children. God’s love is even greater.

Scripture says that if natural parents know how to give good gifts, how much more will the Father give? Religion paints God as harsh, but Jesus revealed Him as **Abba**—merciful, loving, and full of grace.

The sacrificial system pointed to the ultimate sacrifice: God sending His Son to bring His children back home.

Scripture (AMP):

“How much more will your Father... give what is good to those who ask Him!” — Matthew 7:11

“We cry out, ‘Abba! Father!’” — Romans 8:15

“Behold, the Lamb of God who takes away the sin of the world!” — John 1:29

Key Points:

- Parenting reveals God’s heart.
- God’s love exceeds natural parental love.
- Jesus reveals God as Abba.
- Jesus is the ultimate sacrifice.

6. Creation as a Love Gift — The World Prepared for Us

Nature—sunsets, flowers, trees—is God’s love on display.

He prepared the world like a parent preparing a nursery for a newborn.

Adam's only job was to appreciate and care for what God provided.

When we fail to appreciate something, we fail to care for it.

Satan introduced greed and oppression, but God's original intention was abundance for all. When we return to the Father, He restores what the enemy stole.

Scripture (AMP):

"The earth is the Lord's, and the fullness of it." — **Psalm 24:1**

"Every good thing given... is from above." — **James 1:17**

"The thief comes only to steal... I came that they may have life." — **John 10:10**

Key Points:

- Nature reflects God's love.
- Creation was prepared for humanity's enjoyment.
- Satan introduced greed and oppression.
- Returning to God brings restoration.

7. Love as a Spiritual Force — Unstoppable and Divine

Love is not just an emotion; it is a spiritual force.

It is God Himself. Love is unstoppable.

When we meditate on it, abide in it, and let it saturate our hearts, everything changes.

The greatest revelation God gives is that we don't have to do anything but believe. Trust is the expression of faith. Faith works because of love.

When we trust His love, fear disappears, worry dissolves, and rest becomes natural.

Psalm 23 becomes real—provision, peace, guidance, and protection.

Scripture (AMP):

"God is love." — **1 John 4:8**

“Faith works through love.” — **Galatians 5:6**

“The Lord is my Shepherd... I shall not want.” — **Psalms 23:1**

Key Points:

- Love is a spiritual force.
- Love is the nature of God.
- Faith works through love.
- Psalm 23 reflects God’s loving provision.

8. Nothing Works Without Love — Faith, Prayer, and Identity Depend on It

Nothing in the Christian life works without the revelation of God’s love.

Prayer becomes empty. Faith becomes mechanical. Effort replaces rest.

But when we know He loves us as much as He loves Jesus, everything shifts.

We stop striving. We stop worrying. We rest in what Jesus has already done.

We walk in righteousness, peace, and joy—the essence of the kingdom.

We live fearless because the Father is with us and in us.

This revelation anchors our identity as sons and daughters.

Scripture (AMP):

“The kingdom of God is... righteousness, peace, and joy in the Holy Spirit.” —

Romans 14:17

“Cast all your cares on Him, for He cares for you.” — **1 Peter 5:7**

“As many as are led by the Spirit... these are sons of God.” — **Romans 8:14**

Key Points:

- Love is the foundation of spiritual life.
- Without love, prayer and faith fail.
- Revelation ends striving and worry.
- The kingdom is righteousness, peace, and joy.
- Identity as sons and daughters flows from love.

