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Volume Three: a Study of the Ways of the Spirit

#77: Planting Heaven "The Endearing Love of God"

I am not qualified to speak of the Love of God, so I'll step back. What each one of us need is the Love of God experienced alive within. In John 5 it speaks how you can have the Love of God in you, this is what we need, this is what is of value.

THE LOVE OF OUR FATHER

The Word of God is the ultimate Love Letter to mankind; to you most personally. It is an invitation of an Eternal marriage. With the Father Himself exposing His own very Heart most vulnerable to this creature called man. And here God imparting a Destiny and an Eternal Inheritance.

Though it may be a mystery to us: mankind is the central object of Gods affections. All of God's thoughts, all His Purposes, and all His Dreams are set uniquely upon both you and I. Truth is, the value to God of the human phenomena is so far outside of our understanding. The incredible value is God desiring to no longer be Three, but to become Four. The joining and uniting of the Bride in perfect union unto Himself.

Throughout my life, I have only ever heard that man is a three part being: body, mind, and spirit. And though this may be true, the Word speaks of us as being four, as stated: 'Love the Lord your God with <u>all</u> of your spirit, <u>all</u> your soul, <u>all</u> your mind, and <u>all</u> your flesh'.

And when you look at the evolution of the Temple of God: first the Tabernacle was three parts. Then the Temple of Solomon had four parts. But what is of great value to realise now: is that, in Christ Jesus, the Temple of God now has one part: you in Him and He in you. Such is the Heart and Dream of the Father, and such is His Love – the perfect union found in Him.

I AM IN THE HIM AND HE IS IN ME

Scripture:

You are <u>already clean</u> because of the word *of* which I have spoken to you. Abide in Me, and I in you. *('therefore, stay joined to me, and I will stay joined to you' (ERV)*. As the branch cannot bear fruit of itself, unless it **abides** in the vine, neither can you, unless you abide in Me. *(v9)* As the Father has loved me, so have I loved you. *(Therefore)* abide in my love. *(John 15:1-17 NKJV)*

The Love of God is a **dwelling** place. It is a place of **refuge**, it is a place of **Peace** and **Rest**, and it is a place of **Counsel** and **Might**. So coming to mirror His Love, one finds themselves **united** in Him. God is Love, so the way one connects and engages with Him is through love. One bond-ties themselves to Him through the orientation of one's **own affections**.

Scripture:

A little while longer and the world will see Me no more, but **you will see Me**. Because I live, you will live also. On that day you will realize that I am **in** my Father, and **you** are **in** me, and I am **in** you. (John 14:20 NKJV)

The unfathomable capacity of union in the Father: Jesus says, "I am <u>in</u> the Father and the Father is <u>in</u> me" ... <u>and</u> ... "you are <u>in</u> me and I am <u>in</u> you". So if Christ Jesus is <u>in</u> the Father, and I am <u>in</u> Christ Jesus; then you are <u>in</u> the Father and the Father is <u>in</u> you. Therefore it can be comfortably said, "I and the Father are one" — no separation. For such is the Power of the finished work of the Cross. Such is the uniting Power of the Spirit. And such is the Power of the Love of God at work in each and every believer.

Religion creates a divide, the Love of God creates a union and a oneness. Law disqualifies you, but faith fully justifies. And Fire brings warmth, but smoke just gets in your eyes.

Two Scriptures:

What is man that You are mindful of him, And the son of man that You visit him? (Psalm 8:4 NKJV)

How precious are your thoughts concerning me, O God! How vast in number they are! If I try to count them, there would be more of them than

there are grains of sand. When I wake up, I am still with you. (Psalm 139:17-18 GWT)

David would disappear in God all the time, hence when he woke up he found himself still with God. It reminds me of Enoch who was **found** no longer, for he was quite often **not found**.

The **Heart** of the Father, the **Heart** of the Son, and the **Heart** of the Holy Spirit is absolutely and fully set upon the Church – the Body of Christ – the Bride. However, in the very same way, the very **Person** of God, the **Person** of Jesus, and the **Person** of the Holy Spirit is equally purposed, intent, and personally set upon **you as a person**. He being so very conscious of you: His Eyes, His Heart, His Thoughts, and His Attention so set upon you, **as though you are the only person in the whole world**. Such is the nature of **God's** Love; and this experienced <u>regardless</u> of your **broken state**, this <u>regardless</u> of your **imperfections**.

Scripture:

While you have the light, believe in the light, that you may **become sons** (and daughters) of **light**. (John 12:36 NLKV)

In one place it says, "what we will be no one knows" (1 John 3:2). To where God desires to take you in Him, is such a **sweet adventure**. Even the joy set before Jesus, as He faced the Cross: that whosoever believes now has the very same **absolute**, **perfect** and **undeniable** access to the Father – as though you are the Son yourself. God not seeing the difference. Such is the Power of the Blood, such is the Power of the endearing Love of God, and such is the Power of a repentant heart; a heart turned to the Lord.

God is Love, and His Love is of depths just as Eternity is deep. And I can just sit on the surface if I wish, but that is neither the Intention nor the Purpose of my Father. I am invited by Him to go into His Love; deeper and deeper, deeper and deeper, in depths beyond depths. Not only into His Love, but into Him; to know Him, to be in Him, to experience Him, and to grow in Him. He in me and I in Him.

With the inherent ability to delve into His Love, to grow in His Love, and to be developed in His Love; experiencing His Love, even becoming as He, in the <u>bliss</u> of <u>all</u> who He is – to such is the capacity of a <u>child</u> of God.

JESUS SENT TO TEACH AND TO TRAIN

Scripture:

For unto us a child is born, unto us a son is given. (Isaiah 9:6 NKJV)

Therefore **repent** and **return** (turn), **so** that your **sins may be wiped away**, in order that **times of refreshing** may come from the **Presence of the Lord**; and that **He may send Jesus**, the **Christ appointed for you**. (Acts 3:20-21 NASB)

Such is the Power of a repentant heart: a heart that <u>prefers</u> to remain turned unto the Lord, even seeking His Face regardless of circumstance. For in truly coming to **respond** to God's Love, you are simply availing yourself of <u>all</u> His Love. Love being the very open door. What does the word 'repentance' mean? Isn't it a willing heart, a heart that seriously desires to look beyond, and even to go Beyond in Him.

It is here that the **Presence** of the Lord comes upon you, in waves upon waves. As He ministers into you lifting you continually up. Our Saviour, Christ Jesus, God 'appoints' to you: Jesus sent to train you, tutor you, raise you, to teach you, and to anoint you. He is purposed sent to tell you and show you Heavenly things (John 3:12). Truly you are one born anew as though not born of earth at all. But as Jesus, born of Heaven.

Scripture:

It will be good for those servants whose master finds them watching when he comes. Truly I tell you, he will dress himself to serve, will have them recline at the table and will come and <u>wait</u> on them. (Luke 12:37 NIV)

One who responds to Jesus and sets their affections in Him. It is Jesus Himself that desires to sit with you, in your <u>mess</u>, in your <u>brokenness</u>. He who is <u>appointed</u> to you by God. You have the very <u>King</u> of kings assigned personally to you. He is with you. Right in your own home, just as you are, He comes to you as your dear and closest Friend. He comes to speak 'life' together with you – sharing one to another. One doesn't go to Him in their 'cleanness' – one goes to Him in their brokenness. You go to Him in your mess: in the <u>realness</u> of you. For a heart that truly turns to the Lord activates the Power of God in your life. Such is the Grace of God.

Scripture:

Blessed are the poor in spirit, for theirs is the Kingdom of Heaven. (Matthew 5:3 NIV)

Why do you think that the poor in spirit are so blessed, in the eyes of God? Is it not in their very brokenness, in their great internal struggles of heart and soul, that they have nowhere else to go? No one really to express to what is truly going on within them? So in finding Jesus, they go to Him – He who is the ultimate expression of God's Love – He who broke His body for the broken.

And in your personal coming to Jesus; immensely strong bond-ties are formed. As Jesus, Himself, leads you continuously forward, even deeper into the Heart of the Father. Repairing and rebuilding your brokenness, He fully reconstructs even more whole than it was ever before. Turning your brokenness into great strengths.

ENROLLED IN THE SCHOOL OF THE KINGS

Scripture:

As many as I love, I rebuke and chasten (personal training by the King). Therefore be zealous and repent (turn and return). Behold, I stand at the door and knock. If anyone hears My voice and opens the door (the heart of affection), I will come in to him and dine with him, and he with Me (sharing one-to-another). To him who overcomes I will grant to sit with Me on My throne, as I also overcame and sat down with My Father on His throne. (Revelation 3:20-21 NKJV)

'Overcome' (a definition)

The problem with miracles is that you need a problem in the first place. The answer, however, is always the same: praising the Name of Jesus and seeking the Face of God – all the same. Such is the lifestyle of the anointed, such is the lifestyle of a worker of miracles: one's inherent ability to **whistle** a tune in the midst of adversity; retaining a preference to **turn to the Lord** rather than bow to problems.

If one can respond to the Lord and open the door to Him. You are opening yourself up to He who is the **Master Craftsman** – even the **King of kings**. He who holds Everlasting Life in Him. He who is Himself the 'Door', even Christ Jesus. It is His nature and His Purpose to craft you in the things of Eternity, even in the Ways of the Spirit.

Three Scriptures referring to 3:16:

1. John 3:16

2. Revelation 3:16

3. 2 Corinthians 3:16

John 3:16 speaks of 'God's love for the whole world'. The same author in **Revelation 3:16** speaks of how a believer's love can go cold, and the immense value of coming back to your 'First Love'. And in **2 Corinthians 3:16** speaks of how when you turn to the Lord the veil is removed.

What we need is the Fire of God: so if you desire to have the Love of God burning in your heart, joy effervescent, peace and revelation flowing like a river, the Spirit welling up like a Spring, and vitality in your flesh. Even the Spirit of Knowledge and the Spirit of Might resting upon your life; then these do not come through a lukewarm approach, but choosing to keep God held dearly close as your 'first love'.

Scripture:

But <u>whenever</u> anyone (you) turns to the Lord, the veil is taken away ... (2 Corinthians 3:16 NIV)

Each time we choose to turn unto the Lord, He continues to open your eyes to the incredible wonders and possibilities of the Spirit.

THE ANOINTING OF GOD

This Scripture continues:

We all, who with unveiled faces contemplate the Lord's Glory, are being transformed into His Image with ever-increasing Glory. (2 Corinthians 3:18-19 NIV)

What is happening when we repent, or otherwise said, turn to the Lord? We are continuously transformed by a Him into His Image, in ever-increasing Glory. Now this is nice ...

Picture this:

- As a child of Light -
- You have unceasing capacity of growth
 - In the Image and Likeness of God -
 - So in turning to the Lord
 - The veil is removed -
 - Trained by the King -
 - To participate with Him in His Glory -
 - All creation waiting -
 - Sonship to be revealed -
 - Today is the day -

What we need is **His Anointing** resting upon our lives. Not more knowledge, but more physical outpourings of the Power of God; as **children of Light**. Being continuously, **without ceasing**, raised up in **His** very **Image** and **His** very **Likeness**, in ever **increasing Glory**. So, in life, as we choose to turn to the Lord, what you are doing is that you are choosing to come under the personal Tuition of the King of Glory.

Scripture:

(Stop and) be still, and know that I am God. (Psalm 46:10 NIV)

Many times in life there needs to be a **stopping**, even a stepping back a little. Giving place for the Spirit of the Lord. **Being still** in order to become a people who **know** their God. For the Counsel of God is not in anxiety but is in the 'pause'. For it is here that He Instructs you, even to set within you the **Spirit of Might**.

THE SCHOOL OF THE ANOINTED

In reference to Revelation 2 and 3:

As we remain in the Vine, abiding in His Love, the Sap of the Spirits of the Lord cause us to grow in measure beyond measure. Not as creatures of dust but creatures of light, bearing abundant fruits of Eternity. Listen, then, to what the Spirit is saying to the churches:

- I give to eat of the <u>Hidden Manna</u>.
 (food for the soul, the mind, and the flesh that strengthens and builds you up)
- I give to **eat of the Tree of Life**, which is in the midst of the Paradise of God.
 - (raising you beyond yourself, leaving you full in the Joy of the Lord).
- I will set in your midst the <u>Lampstand</u> of God. (The Seven Spirits of God)
- I will give a new and secret name.
- I will confess your name before My Father and before His angels.
- I will give **Power over the nations**.
- I will give you a **Crown**.
- I will make you a **Pillar** in the Temple of My God.
- I will grant to sit with Me on My Throne.

The Dream of the Father has picked you up and set you in the Presence of the Lord. One picked up even from a place of great brokenness and lifted up into a place of such high standing, a place of such great honour in the Lord. This is the Heart of the Father, His Dream since the very Beginning, this the Love of God for you; regardless of your origins!

So now, this Scripture can be a bit better understood.

Scripture:

All creation is waiting eagerly for that future day when God will reveal who his children really are. (Creation eagerly waiting and longing for the revealing and disclosing of your (true) sonship AMPC). (Romans 8:19 NLT)

I tell you today is the day!



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God is real. The one who is LOVE and is LIFE is real and He wants to be a part of your life. He deeply wants to meet you where you are at and in what you face each day. He desires to rise up from within in ways that are tangible; that you see, sense and feel. His Presence made manifest and His Fruits and Gifts abundant in your life and in your world.