

Sermon Series: Are You Really Adventist?

Week 4: Love Makes the Difference

Key Scripture:

- “Though I speak with the tongues of men and of angels, but have not love, I have become sounding brass or a clanging cymbal. And though I have the gift of prophecy, and understand all mysteries and all knowledge, and though I have all faith, so that I could remove mountains, but have not love, I am nothing. And though I bestow all my goods to feed the poor, and though I give my body to be burned, but have not love, it profits me nothing.”

1 Corinthians 13:1-3 NKJV

Main Points:

1. A Prophet Speaks for God, They themselves are NOT God.

- A Prophet by definition, is simply a Messenger for God.
- Ellen G. White made it clear that Scripture was always to be held above any of her writings and tested with scripture.

2. To Know God is to Know Love

- We have accepted the world's perception of love which is a superficial, conditional, transactional kind of love.
- God's very nature is love. To know God is to understand pure love and be able to give love no matter.

3. The Spiritual Gift is Useless without Love.

- The way you make a gift, wrap a gift, and hand a gift matters. You can tell when someone doesn't have Godly Love for you.
- The gifts God has given us lose their power and impact when they are not expressed in love toward the very people we are called to witness to.

4. We Love because He First Loved Us.

- Loving others becomes easier when we accept the love from God that was given to us first.
- Love is a true power. The love of God is so powerful that it moves us to act justly and do good to others.

3 Step Test of a True Prophet

• Alignment with Scripture

II Peter 1:20-21

• Prophecy Fulfillment

Deuteronomy 18:22

• Character & Life Exemplify God's Character

Hebrews 13:7

Reflection Questions:

- Have I accepted the Love of God into my own heart?
- How might ministry, work, or relationships change if love became the foundation of everything I do?
- When I serve or give, am I doing it out of obligation, pride, or genuine love?
- What practical steps can I take to root my actions in love this week?