

Revelation to the Loving Heart!

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John 14:21 *The one who has My commands and keeps them is the one who loves Me. And the one who loves Me will be loved by My Father. I also will love him and will reveal Myself to him.*

In our culture today, the word *love* has lost much of its original weight. It's used so casually that the depth it once carried—the kind of devotion that willingly sacrifices one's own wellbeing for the sake of another—has been diluted. Love has shifted from a covenant word to a convenience word, from commitment to preference, from lifelong devotion to momentary affection. But when Jesus speaks of love in **John 14:21**, He is not talking about preference. He is talking about a love so deep that it produces obedience, faithfulness, and a life shaped by His commands.

I remember the moment my wife and I first exchanged the word *love*. I had said it before in my youth, but this time—after only a month of dating—the word slipped out, and it felt different. Heavier. Truer. It wasn't a statement of preference, like *I love pizza* or *I love this show*. It carried covenant weight. It meant for the rest of my life I would protect, honor, serve, provide for, cherish, and carry deep affection for this woman with no expectation of payment or reward. In that moment, I experienced a revelation of what genuine, sacrificial love really is.

Jesus says, *"The one who has My commands and keeps them is the one who loves Me."* Just as my love for my wife had to become more than words—had to be proven through action, consistency, and commitment—so our love for Jesus must be demonstrated through obedience. Love is revealed in what we choose, how we live, and who we follow. And then comes the promise: *"And the one who loves Me will be loved by My Father. I also will love him and will reveal Myself to him."*

"Revelation does not come to the casual heart. It comes to the committed one."

Jesus reveals Himself not to those who simply admire Him, but to those who *obey* Him. To the loving heart, He unveils His presence, His character, His purposes, His nearness. Obedience opens the door to revelation.

Today, if you find yourself longing for deeper understanding, a clearer sense of God's voice, or a renewed closeness with His presence, Jesus has already given the pathway: love expressed through obedience. When we keep His commands—not out of duty, but out of devotion—our lives become the very place where God chooses to reveal Himself. May our hearts be the kind that love Him deeply, seek Him faithfully, and respond to Him wholeheartedly. For to that heart, Jesus says, *"I will reveal Myself."*

Ps. Paul