

# He Loves Me

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**Psalm 48:9** We have thought of thy lovingkindness, O God, in the midst of thy temple.

- In my devotion time with the Lord sometimes I spend time looking through some DeVos from the past.
- I was looking at some DeVos from around the time God was leading me to pastor His Church, this would have been around 2012
- At the end of almost every devo was this phrase, “I love You, Lord”.
- After about 10 or 11 DeVos my heart was broken because I hadn't wrote that for a while.
- I know God already knows whether I love Him or not, but I also know that as He is the Heavenly Father, He desires to hear it too.
- Here I was in the “midst of His Temple” thinking about why I love Him.
- The answer was easy and found in **1John 4:7-21**.

**7** Beloved, let us love one another: for **love is of God**; and every one that loveth is born of God, and knoweth God.

**8** He that loveth not knoweth not God; for God is love.

**9** In this was manifested the love of God toward us, because that God sent his only begotten Son into the world, that **we might live through him**.

**10** Herein is love, not that we loved God, but that he loved us, and sent his Son *to be* the propitiation for our sins.

**11** Beloved, if God so loved us, we ought also to love one another.

**12** No man hath seen God at any time. If we love one another, God dwelleth in us, and his love is perfected in us.

**13** Hereby know we that we dwell in him, and he in us, because he hath given us of his Spirit.

**14** And we have seen and do testify that the Father sent the Son *to be* the Savior of the world.

**15** Whosoever shall confess that Jesus is the Son of God, God dwelleth in him, and he in God.

**16** And we have known and believed the love that God hath to us. God is love; and he that dwelleth in love dwelleth in God, and God in him.

**17** Herein is our love made perfect, that we may have boldness in the day of judgment: because as he is, so are we in this world.

**18** There is no fear in love; but perfect love casteth out fear: because fear hath torment. He that feareth is not made perfect in love.

**19** We love him, because he first loved us.

**20** If a man say, I love God, and hateth his brother, he is a liar: for he that loveth not his brother whom he hath seen, how can he love God whom he hath not seen?

**21** And this commandment have we from him, That he who loveth God love his brother also.

## **1. God's Love is True**

a. He is love (vs.8)

b. Love is of God (vs. 7)

c. This is foundational for salvation

- i. If you don't believe God loves you, you cannot be saved as it is the basis of salvation
- ii. **John 3:16** For God **so loved** the world, that he gave his only begotten Son, that whosoever believeth in him should not perish, but have everlasting life.

**17** For God sent not his Son into the world to condemn the world; but that the world through him might be saved.

**18** He that believeth on him is not condemned: but he that believeth not is condemned already, because he hath not believed in the name of the only begotten Son of God.

- iii. We also know that He loved us before we even knew it or cared because of **Romans 5:8**, where it says, "**But God commendeth his love toward**

us, in that, while we were yet sinners, Christ died for us.”

## 2. God's Love is Tested

- a. He loves us with His life (vs. 9-10)
- b. He loves us with our life (vs. 9)
- c. This is foundational for sanctification
  - i. **Hebrews 12:6** For whom the Lord loveth he chasteneth, and scourgeth every son whom he receiveth.  
**7** If ye endure chastening, God dealeth with you as with sons; for what son is he whom the father chasteneth not?  
**8** But if ye be without chastisement, whereof all are partakers, then are ye bastards, and not sons.

## 3. God's Love is Transferred

- a. If we know His love, we must show His love (vs. 11)
- b. If we don't show His love, we don't know his love (vs. 20)
- c. This is foundational for Glorification
  - i. **John 15:3** Now ye are clean through the word which I have spoken unto you.  
**4** Abide in me, and I in you. As the branch cannot bear fruit of itself, except it abide in the vine; no more can ye, except ye abide in me.

**5** I am the vine, ye *are* the branches: He that abideth in me, and I in him, the same bringeth forth much fruit: for without me ye can do nothing.

**6** If a man abide not in me, he is cast forth as a branch, and is withered; and men gather them, and cast *them* into the fire, and they are burned.

**7** If ye abide in me, and my words abide in you, ye shall ask what ye will, and it shall be done unto you.

**8** Herein is my Father glorified, that ye bear much fruit; so, shall ye be my disciples.

**9** As the Father hath loved me, so have I loved you: continue ye in my love.

**10** If ye keep my commandments, ye shall abide in my love; even as I have kept my Father's commandments, and abide in his love.

**11** These things have I spoken unto you, that my joy might remain in you, and *that* your joy might be full.

**12** This is my commandment, That ye love one another, as I have loved you.

**13** Greater love hath no man than this, that a man lay down his life for his friends.

So today, here in the midst of God's Temple & temples let's think of how God has proven His loves toward us, and think of how we show our love to Him. We are commanded to love Him in **Mark 12:30** "And thou shalt love the Lord thy God with all thy heart, and with all thy soul, and with all thy mind, and with all thy strength: this is the first commandment."

1. I love Him with my thoughts (David)
2. I love Him with my time (Noah)
3. I love Him with my testimony (Joseph & Moses)
4. I love Him with my tithes (Abraham)
5. I love Him with my tongue (Paul)

**So, today in this temple, think on the Lord's love and kindness to you. Then think of how you ought to feel about Him, and ask yourself this question, "Do I love God?"**