

WORD BASICS

OUR RELATIONSHIP WITH THE LORD

INCLUDES DEDICATION, DEVOTION & LOVING & REVERENCING THE LORD

1. WE WORSHIP THE LORD BY LOVING HIM:

A. WE ARE TO LOVE THE LORD WITH ALL OUR HEART:

- Deut.6:5 Thou shalt love the Lord thy God with all thine heart, & with all thy soul, & with all thy might
- Deut.10:12 What doth the Lord require of thee, but...to love Him... with all thy heart & with all thy soul
- Mat.22:37,38 This is the first & great commandment
(See also Deut.30:6,20; Josh.22:5; 23:11.)
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B. OUR SOULS SHOULD THIRST FOR GOD:

- Psa.42:1,2 As the hart panteth after the water brooks, so panteth my soul after Thee, O God. My soul thirsteth for God
- Psa.63:1b My soul thirsteth for Thee...in a dry & thirsty land
(See also Psa.143:6; Mat.5:6; Jn.4:10,14.)
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C. WE SHOULD GREATLY DESIRE HIM:

- Psa.27:4 One thing have I desired...that will I seek after; that I may...behold the beauty of the Lord
- Psa.16:8 I have set the Lord always before me...at my right hand
- Psa.63:8 My soul followeth hard after Thee
- Psa.84:2 My soul longeth, even fainteth for courts of the Lord
- Isa.26:9a With my soul have I desired Thee in the night
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D. WE ARE TO DESIRE HIM ABOVE ALL ELSE:

- Psa.73:25 Whom have I in Heaven but Thee? And there is none upon earth that I desire beside Thee
- Isa.26:8b The desire of our soul is to Thy name
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E. WE ARE TO WORSHIP JESUS AS WE WORSHIP GOD:

- Jn.5:23 All men should honour the Son even as...the Father

Phi.2:9-11	At the name of Jesus every knee should bow...every tongue should confess that Jesus Christ is Lord
Col.1:18b	(He) is the beginning, the firstborn from the dead; that in all things He might have the preeminence
1Jn.5:1	Every one that loveth Him (God) that begat loveth Him (Jesus) also that is begotten of Him

F. WHY WE LOVE & WORSHIP JESUS:

1Jn.3:16	Hereby perceive we the love of God, because He (Jesus) laid down His life for us
1Jn.4:19	We love Him, because He first loved us
Rev.5:8-13	Worthy is the Lamb that was slain to receive...honour, & glory, & blessing (See also 1Jn.2:23; 4:15.)

2. HOW WE SHOW OUR LOVE FOR THE LORD:

A. BY LOVING & OBEYING HIS WORD:

Jn.14:21	He that [keepeth] My commandments, <u>he</u> it is that <u>loveth</u> Me
Deut.11:1	Thou shalt love the Lord thy God, & keep His...statutes, & His judgments, & His commandments, alway
Job 23:12	I esteemed (God's) Words...more than my necessary food
Psa.119:20	My soul breaketh for the longing that it hath unto Thy judgements (Word) (See also Psa.119:40)
Psa.119:131	I...panted: for I longed for Thy commandments
1Jn.3:22	We keep His commandments, & do things that are pleasing in His sight
1Jn.5:3	This is the love of God...keep His commandments
2Jn.6	This is love, that we walk after His commandments (See also Psa.119:47,48,97,113,127,140,159,163,167.)

B. BY WORSHIPPING HIM IN PRAYER:

Psa.18:1,3a	I will love Thee, O Lord...I will call upon the Lord
Psa.63:1-4	Thou art my God; early will I seek Thee...to see Thy power & Thy glory
Psa.91:14,15	Because he hath set his love upon Me...he shall call upon Me, & I will answer him
Psa.116:1,2	I love the Lord...therefore will I call upon Him

C. BY LOVING ONE ANOTHER:

Mat.25:40	Inasmuch as ye have done it unto one of the least of these My brethren, ye have done it unto Me
1Jn.4:20,21	Commandment...he who loveth God love his brother also

D. BY LISTENING TO HIS VOICE:

1Sam.3:9,10 If He call thee...say, "Speak, Lord; for Thy servant heareth"
Psa.143:8a Cause me to hear Thy lovingkindness
Isa.50:5 The Lord hath opened mine ear, & I was not rebellious

E. BY OBEYING, FOLLOWING & SERVING HIM:

Jn.10:27 My sheep hear My voice...& they follow Me
Jn.12:26 Follow Me; where I am, there shall also My servant be
Jn.15:10 If ye keep My commandments, ye shall abide in My love
Deut.10:12,13 What doth the Lord thy God require of thee, but to... serve (Him)...keep the
commandments of the Lord
Josh.24:14 Fear the Lord, & serve Him in sincerity & truth
1Sam.12:24 Fear the Lord, & serve Him in truth with all your heart
Eph.6:7 Doing service, as to the Lord, & not to men
Heb.12:28 Serve God acceptably with reverence & godly fear

F. BY SELF-SACRIFICE & GIVING OUR LIVES IN LOVE:

Mat.10:38 He that taketh not his cross, & followeth after Me, is not worthy of Me
Jn.10:17 My Father (doth) love me, because I lay down My life
1Cor.15:31b I die daily (See also 2Cor.11:23-28)
Gal.2:20 I am crucified with Christ
Phi.3:7,8 I count all things but loss...that I may win Christ
Rev.12:11 They loved not their lives unto the death

G. BY HONOURING & OBEYING HIM MORE THAN MAN:

Acts 5:29 We ought to obey God rather than men
(See also Acts 4:19)

H. BY GIVING TO HIM & SUPPORTING HIS WORK:

Pro.3:9 Honour the Lord with...the firstfruits of all thine increase
(See also Lev.27:30; 1Cor.9:6-11.)

3. WE ARE TO LOVE GOD ABOVE ALL ELSE:

Mat.22:37 Love...God with all thy heart...& soul...& mind

A. WE ARE NOT TO LOVE--OR PUT--ANYTHING BEFORE HIM:

Exo.20:3 Thou shalt have no other gods before Me (See also Psa.96:4)

B. GOD IS JEALOUS OF YOUR LOVE FOR HIM; DON'T PROVOKE HIM:

Exo.20:3,5 Thou shalt not serve them (other gods): for I the Lord... am a jealous God
(See also Exo.34:14; Deut.32:16; 32:21; Isa.42:8; 1Cor.10:22.)

C. WE ARE NOT EVEN TO LOVE OUR LOVED ONES MORE THAN GOD:

Gen.22:12 Now I know that thou fearest God, seeing thou hast not withheld thy son, thine only son
from Me
Mat.10:37 He that loveth father or mother [or] son or daughter more than Me is not worthy of Me
(See Lk.14:26)

D. WE ARE NOT EVEN TO SEEK OUR PHYSICAL NEEDS ABOVE GOD:

Mat.4:4 Not live by bread alone, but by every Word...of God
Mat.6:24 No man can serve two masters: for he will hate one, & love the other...Ye cannot serve
God & mammon
Mat.6:33 Seek ye first the Kingdom of God, & His righteousness
(See also Psa.84:10,11; Mat.6:25-32.)

E. SEEK HEAVENLY THINGS, DON'T BE OVERLY ATTACHED TO EARTHLY THINGS:

Mat.6:20,21 Lay up for yourselves treasure in Heaven...for where your treasure is, there will your
heart be also
Lk.12:15 A man's life consisteth not in abundance of things
Col.3:1 Seek those things which are above, where Christ sitteth on the right hand of God
Col.3:2 Set...affection on things above, not things on earth
See also Heb.10:34)

F. DON'T EVEN PUT GOD'S SERVICE ABOVE LOVING GOD:

Lk.11:42 Ye tithe...[but] pass over judgment & the love of God
Rev.2:3-5 For My name's sake hast laboured...nevertheless...thou hast left thy first love...thou art
fallen
Lk.10:38-42 [The story of Martha busy serving, Mary listening to Jesus]

4. WE ARE TO FEAR & REVERENCE THE LORD:

A. FEARING GOD:

Deut.10:12 What doth the Lord require of thee, but to fear the Lord thy God
2Ki.17:35,36 The Lord...Him shall ye fear, & Him shall ye worship

Eccl.12:13 Fear God, & keep His commandments
Isa.8:12,13 Let Him (God) be your fear, & let Him be your dread Lk.12:4,5 Be not afraid of them
(men)...I will forewarn you Whom ye shall fear: Fear Him (God)...yea, I say, Fear Him
(See also Mat.10:28)

B. FEARING (REVERENCING) GOD IS HEALTHY:

Psa.19:9 The fear of the Lord is clean (Compare with Pro.29:25)

C. THE BENEFITS OF FEARING GOD:

Psa.111:10 The fear of the Lord is the beginning of wisdom (See also Pro.9:10)
Pro.1:7 The fear of the Lord is the beginning of knowledge
Pro.14:26 In the fear of the Lord is strong confidence
Pro.14:27 The fear of the Lord is a fountain of life, to depart from the snares of death
Pro.16:6b By the fear of the Lord men depart from evil

D. GOD'S BLESSINGS ON US FOR FEARING HIM:

Psa.25:12 He that feareth the Lord...shall He teach in the way
Psa.31:19 How great is Thy goodness...for them that fear Thee
Psa.103:13 Lord pitieth (has compassion on) them that fear Him
Psa.147:11 The Lord taketh pleasure in them that fear Him
Lk.1:50 His mercy is on them that fear Him
Acts 10:35 He that feareth Him...is accepted with Him

5. RESTING IN THE LORD:

A. THE BIBLE INSTRUCTS US TO "REST IN THE LORD":

Psa.37:7 Rest in the Lord, & wait patiently for Him
Heb.4:3a We which have believed do enter into rest
Heb.4:9 There remaineth therefore a rest to the people of God

B. TAKE TIME TO SIT AT JESUS' FEET:

Lk.10:38-42 Mary...sat at Jesus' feet & heard His Word. But Martha was cumbered...serving. Mary
hath chosen good part

C. CAST YOUR BURDENS & WORRIES ON THE LORD:

Psa.55:22 Cast thy burden upon the Lord, & He shall sustain thee
Mat.11:28-30 Come unto Me, all ye that labour & are heavy laden, & I will give you rest...unto your
souls

1Pet.5:7 Casting all your care upon Him; for He careth for you

D. QUIETLY MEDITATE ON GOD'S POWER:

Gen.24:63 Isaac went out to meditate in the field at eventide
Job 37:14 Stand still, & consider the wondrous works of God
Psa.46:10 Be still & know that I am God
1Thes.4:11 Study to be quiet

E. BE HUMBLE BEFORE HIM:

1Ki.3:7 [King Solomon prayed to God:] I am but a little child
Isa.57:15 The high & lofty One that inhabiteth eternity...I dwell with him that is of a contrite & humble spirit
Mic.6:8 What doth the Lord require of thee, but to...walk humbly with thy God

6. DRAWING CLOSE & RESTING IN THE "SECRET PLACE":

Heb.4:11 Let us labour...to enter into that rest
Jam.4:8a Draw nigh to God & He will draw nigh to you

A. THE "SECRET PLACE" OF GOD'S PRESENCE:

Psa.91:1 He that dwelleth in the secret place of the most High shall abide under the shadow of the Almighty
Psa.17:8 Hide me under the shadow of Thy wings
Psa.31:19,20a Thou shalt hide them in the secret of Thy presence
Psa.61:4 I will trust in the covert (secret place) of Thy wings
(See also Psa.27:5; 32:7; 119:114.)

B. REST IN "THE SHADOW OF HIS WINGS":

Deut.32:11,12 As an eagle stirreth up her nest, fluttereth over her young...so the Lord [watches over His people]
Mat.23:37b [Jesus longs to gather us to Him] even as a hen gathereth her chickens under her wings
(See also Lk.13:34)
Psa.91:4 He shall cover thee with His feathers, & under His wings shalt thou trust
Psa.57:1 My soul trusteth in Thee...in the shadow of Thy wings
(See also Psa.36:7b; 63:7b; Ruth 2:12)

7. THE BENEFITS OF TAKING QUIET TIME WITH THE LORD:

A. GOD HEALS & RESTORES OUR SOULS:

Psa.23:2,3a	He leadeth me beside still waters...restoreth my soul
Mal.4:2	Unto you that fear My name shall the Sun of righteousness [Jesus] arise with healing in His wings
2Cor.4:16	We faint not; though our outward man perish, yet the inward man is renewed day by day (See also Eph.4:23)

B. HE GIVES US JOY:

Psa.5:11	Let all those that put their trust in Thee rejoice...Let them that love Thy name be joyful in Thee
Psa.16:11	In Thy presence is fulness of joy
Psa.40:16	Let those that seek Thee rejoice & be glad in Thee
Psa.51:12	Restore unto me the joy of Thy salvation (See also Neh. 8:10b; 1Pet.1:8.)

C. HE GIVES US SPIRITUAL STRENGTH:

Isa.40:29-31	They that wait on the Lord shall renew their strength; they shall mount up with wings...& not be weary
Isa.41:1	Keep silence before Me...renew their strength
Isa.30:7	Their strength is to sit still
Isa.30:15	In quietness & in confidence shall be your strength
Dan.11:32b	The people that do <u>know</u> their God shall be strong
Judg.5:31	Let them that love Him be as the sun when he goeth forth in his might
Eph.3:16	That He would grant you...to be strengthened with might by His Spirit in the inner man (See Psa.138:3)
Col.1:9,11	Strengthened with all might, according to His...power

D. HE GIVES US REST IN THE SPIRIT:

Exo.33:14	My presence shall go with thee, & I will give thee rest
1Ki.8:56	The Lord...hath given rest unto His people
Mat.11:28-30	Come unto Me...I will give you rest...unto your souls

E. WHEN WE TAKE TIME TO LOVE HIM, HE LOVES US:

Pro.8:17	I love them that love Me
Jn.14:21,23	He that loveth Me (Jesus) shall be loved of My Father
Jn.16:27	The Father...loveth you, because ye have loved Me

F. OTHER BENEFITS OF LOVING THE LORD:

Deut.30:16	Love the Lord...walk in His ways...that thou mayest live ...& the Lord shall bless thee
Psa.91:14	Because he set his love upon Me, I will deliver him; I will set him on high, because he hath known My name
Psa.119:132	Be merciful...unto those that love Thy name
Psa.145:20	The Lord preserveth all them that love Him
Pro.8:21	I...cause those that love Me to inherit substance
Eph.6:24	Grace be with them that love Jesus Christ in sincerity 1Cor.8:3 If any man love God, the same is known of Him
Jam.1:12	The crown of life, which the Lord hath promised to them that love Him (See also 2Tim.4:8) (See also Deut.11:13-15,22,23; Psa.36:10.)

8. HINDRANCES TO OUR RELATIONSHIP WITH THE LORD:

A. BEING "TOO BUSY" TO TAKE TIME WITH HIM:

Isa.28:12	This is the refreshing wherewith ye may cause the weary to rest: yet they would not hear
Mat.23:37b	How often would I have gathered [thee], as a hen gathereth her chickens under her wings, & ye would not
Lk.10:39,40	Mary sat at Jesus' feet, & heard His Word. But Martha was cumbered about with much serving
Jn.5:40	Ye will not come to Me, that ye might have life

B. BECOMING CAUGHT UP WITH THE WORLD & ITS CARES:

Mat.13:22	The care of this world, & the deceitfulness of riches... choke the Word (See also Lk.8:14)
2Tim.2:4	[To please God, don't become entangled with the affairs of this life]
1Jn.2:15	If any man love the world, the love of the Father is not in him

C. COOLING OFF & LOSING OUR "FIRST LOVE":

Jer.2:2-5	The kindness of thy youth, the love...when thou wentest after Me...[now] gone far from Me...become vain
Mat.24:12	The love of many shall wax (grow) cold
Rev.2:4,5	I have somewhat against thee, because thou hast <u>left thy first love</u>

D. DOUBTING THE LORD'S LOVE FOR YOU:

Mal.1:2	I have loved you, saith the Lord. Yet ye say, Wherein hast Thou loved us?
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E. HARBOURING UNREPENTED SIN IN OUR HEARTS:

Psa.66:18 If I regard iniquity in my heart, Lord will not hear me
Isa.59:2 Your iniquities have separated between you & your God

F. BEING TOO FULL OF OUR OWN THOUGHTS:

Isa.65:2 I have spread out My hands all the day unto a rebellious people, which walk...after their own thoughts
(See also Psa.10:4; 119:113; Isa.55:7.)

9. OUR SPECIAL RELATIONSHIP WITH THE LORD:

A. OBEDIENT BELIEVERS ARE A BLESSED & CHOSEN PEOPLE:

1Pet.2:9 Ye are a chosen generation, a royal priesthood, an holy nation, a peculiar (special) people
Exo.19:5 If ye will obey My voice...ye shall be a peculiar treasure unto Me above all people
Deut.7:6 God hath chosen thee to be a special people unto Himself, above all people...on the face of the earth
Deut.14:2 Thou art an holy people...a peculiar people
Isa.43:4 Thou wast precious in My sight...& I have loved thee
Mat.22:14 Many are called, but few are chosen
Jn.15:16 I have chosen you, & ordained you
(See also Eph.1:4b; Rev.17:14b.)

B. JESUS BOUGHT US; WE BELONG TO HIM:

1Cor.3:23 Ye are Christ's
1Cor.6:20 Ye are bought with a price...your body & your spirit...are God's (See also 1Cor.7:23)
Rev.5:9 Thou wast slain, & hast redeemed us...by Thy blood
1Pet.1:18,19 Ye were...redeemed...with the precious blood of Christ
(See also Mat.20:28; Lk.10:45; Gal.3:13; 1Tim.2:5b,6.)

C. INSTEAD OF MAKING US SLAVES, HE ADOPTED US AS CHILDREN & HEIRS:

Gal.4:5 To redeem (us)...that we might receive the adoption of sons (See also Eph.1:5-7)
Rom.8:14-16 Ye have received the Spirit of adoption, whereby we cry, Abba, Father
Mat.12:50 Whosoever shall do the will of (God)...the same is My brother, & sister, & mother
Gal.4:6 Because ye are sons, God hath sent forth the Spirit of his Son into your hearts, crying, Abba, Father
Gal.4:7 Thou art no more a servant, but a son; &...an heir

Rom.8:17 If children...then heirs of God & joint-heirs with Christ
(See also Jn.15:15; 2Cor.6:18; Heb.2:11; 1Jn.3:1)

D. WE ARE SPIRITUALLY MARRIED TO THE LORD:

Isa.54:5 Thy Maker is thine husband; the Lord of hosts
Isa.62:5 As the bridegroom rejoiceth over the bride, so shall thy God rejoice over thee
Jer.3:14 Turn...saith the Lord; for I am married unto you
Hos.2:19,20 I will betroth thee unto Me for ever
Rom.7:4 Ye should be married to another, even to Him (Jesus)
2Cor.11:2 I have espoused you to one husband, that I may present you as a chaste virgin to Christ
Rev.19:7-9 The marriage of the Lamb (Jesus) is come, & His wife (us, the church) hath made herself ready
(See also Ezk.16:8; Eph.5:28-32.)

E. WE LIVE & ABIDE IN HIM, & HE LIVES IN US:

Jn.14:23 We will come unto him, & make Our abode with him
Jn.15:1-5 [We are to abide in Jesus as a branch joined to a vine]
Jn.17:26 That the Love...may be in them, & I in them
2Cor.5:17 If any man be in Christ, he is a new creature
2Cor.6:16b I will dwell in them, & walk in them; &...be their God
1Jn.4:13 Hereby know we that we dwell in Him, & He in us
1Jn.4:16 He that dwelleth in love dwelleth in God, & God in him (See also Acts 17:28)

F. WE ARE JESUS' BODY:

Eph.1:22,23 (Jesus is) the head over all things to the church, which is His body
Eph.5:30 We are members of His body, of His flesh...His bones
Col.1:18a He is the head of the body, the church
(See also 1Cor.12:12-27)

G. WE ARE GOD'S TEMPLE:

1Cor.6:19 Your body is temple of the Holy Ghost which is in you
2Cor.6:16 Ye are the temple of the living God
Eph.2:19-22 An holy temple...ye are builded together for an habitation of God
Heb.3:6 Christ...a Son over His Own house; whose house are we

H. JESUS IS OUR SHEPHERD, WE ARE HIS SHEEP:

Jn.10:1-29 I am the good shepherd (See also Heb.13:20a)
Psa.23:1-4 The Lord is my shepherd...He leadeth me

Psa.95:7 He is our God; & we are...the sheep of His hand
Psa.100:3 We are His people, & the sheep of His pasture
(See also Psa.78:52; 79:13; Isa.40:11; Mat.25:32,33; Jn.21:15-17.)

I. HE LOVED & RESCUED US WHEN WE WERE LOST & GONE ASTRAY:

1Pet.2:25 Ye were as sheep going astray; but are now returned unto the Shepherd...of your souls
(See also Isa.53:6; Ezk.34:1-12; Mat.9:36; Lk.15:3-7; Jn.10:11.)

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