

SUNDAY SERVICE

Series: Be Loved

Topic: The Love of God

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Who am I that God is so mindful of me, to the point of making me just a LITTLE lower than Elohim and visiting me consistently? (Psalms 8:4-6). It's amazing how the Creator of the universe will stoop so low to love an imperfect person like me! Man in his best state is nowhere good enough as an object of God's affection. Even in redemption, if I think of where I have been, who I have been, what I have been through, and how I have been, sometimes I feel so undeserving of His love.

It's interesting how God will just want to go out of His way to love us. In fact, many religions of the world do not have an understanding of God's love nor can they grasp the concept of God's Fatherhood and friendship (1 John 3:1, John 15:15); instead, they view the relationship between God and man akin to that between a King and a slave or between a Master and a servant. It's totally mind boggling to some people how we could even dare call God "Abba Father!"

When you understand the concept of God's love, then you will begin to appreciate man's love.

The Concept of God's Love

- The foundation of everything you do with God is based on whether or not you see Him as a Father. If you don't see Him as your Father, it means you don't trust Him to act as a loving Father towards you. (Matthew 7:7-11)
- It is the Spirit of God in you that defines the love of God (Romans 5:5). When you have the Holy Spirit, He helps you navigate through the understanding and appropriation of God's love.
- The love of God is unfailing, this you must know and understand at all times. (Jeremiah 9:24 NLT)
- God's love is like that of a friend that sticks closer than a brother. (Proverbs 18:24)

- Not only is God the source of love, He is love all by Himself. All love emanates from Him and he wants to fill you with whatever love that is missing in your life.
- Your concept of God's love must be deeply rooted in the Holy Scriptures.
- Your capacity to love is hinged on your understanding and acceptance of God's love for you. Like Peter who had a personal revelation of Jesus as the Messiah (Matthew 16:16-17), you need a revelation of Jesus as a lover.

The Scripture is filled with different revelations of Jesus from Genesis to Revelation:

- In Exodus, He's the I AM;
- In Psalms, He's the Great Shepherd;
- He is the Kinsman Redeemer in the book of Ruth. With Him, we are always assured of a new beginning;
- In Daniel, He is the Fourth Man in the furnace, thus, He is with us always even unto the end of the age;
- He is revealed in Malachi as the Sun of Righteousness with healings in His wings, always caring for us;
- We see Him in Hebrews as the great High Priest, the one who makes all sacrifices on our behalf.

Remember God's disposition towards us. He demonstrated His love towards us in that while we were yet sinners Christ died for us. No matter where you go, He's waiting for you to return, the same way the father waited for the return of his prodigal son (Luke 15:11-32). Nothing lasts forever except the love of God; God's love for us never wears out!

Will you trace your steps back today to the warm embrace of God's love? You are 100 % loved by God!

