Loving God is the Nucleus

Everything good revolves around loving God

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God created humanity with a freewill. We are to choose to wholeheartedly love God, his attributes, his ways, etc. with all of our heart, soul, mind and strength. This deep love for God will cause us to repent and run away from sinning, iniquity, wickedness, immorality, abominations, unrighteous-ness, etc. When we genuinely love God with our complete being, God will notice us.

Everything that is genuinely good revolves around and comes from God. In the end (eternity), we will not possess what is good, if we do not genuinely love God.

God chooses who goes to Heaven, and God chooses the people who love him. Genuinely loving God with our all is what connects us to God. We cannot be connected to God, or even truly perceive God, without genuinely loving him.

"the things which God hath prepared for them that love him"

1 Corinthians 2:9 (AV)

"9 But as it is written, Eye hath not seen, nor ear heard, neither have entered into the heart of man, the things which God hath prepared for them that love him."

People who genuinely love God are drawn to God, and God is drawn to them.

Loving God with our complete being is the most important thing we can do. It is starting on our path to Heaven. This is one reason why this is the very first and most important commandment to obey. We are to recognize God is one Lord, and to genuinely love God with our complete being. Doing this starts us on our way of truly understanding and recognizing God.

"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"

Mark 12:29–30 (AV)

"29 And Jesus answered him, The first of all the commandments *is*, Hear, O Israel; The Lord our God is one Lord:

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."

Obeying this commandment (recognizing that God is one Lord, and loving him with our everything) starts us traveling up the path towards God. As we are traveling up the path towards God, God causes us to see and discern the truth (reality). When we see and discern our need for Jesus Christ, we will give ourselves completely to Jesus Christ (Acts 2:38), and follow him to Heaven.

Our way to God and Heaven starts with us loving God. If we want to go to Heaven, we need to genuinely love God with our all. Genuinely loving God is our very first step in exiting sin, we will not be able to start growing out of our sinning without genuinely loving God. Genuinely loving God will cause us to walk up the way of God, obeying Jesus Christ.



Like a magnet, people who genuinely love God will be attracted to God, accept his grace, and attach themselves to Jesus Christ the Bible way. Like a magnet, people who do not love God will repel away from God.

Do we truly desire to love God with our everything.

Our genuine love for God will propel us to always whole-heartedly STRIVE, with our whole being, to obey and please God at all times, because genuine love <u>always produces the actions of love</u>. We will recognize him as Almighty God, respecting, honoring, and obeying him as Almighty God. We will love and desire him with our everything. Our extreme effort to always obey and please him, reveals how much we desire him. How hard we strive to obey and please God, out of love for God, measures how much we truly love God.

(Words change their meaning over the years. Below, the meaning of the word "terrible" needs to be understood. The word "awesome" has replaced it in many newer translations of the Bible.)

"mercy for them that love him

and observe his commandments"

Nehemiah 1:5 (AV)

"5 ¶ And said, I beseech thee, O LORD God of heaven, the great and terrible God, that keepeth covenant and mercy for them that love him and observe his commandments:"

"The LORD preserveth all them that love him"

Psalms 145:20 (AV)

"20 The LORD preserveth all them that love him: but all the wicked will he destroy."

"mercy to them that love him"

Daniel 9:4 (AV)

"4 ¶ And I prayed unto the LORD my God, and made my confession, and said, O Lord, the great and dreadful God, keeping the covenant and mercy to them that love him,"

"the crown of life, which the Lord hath promised to them that love him" James 1:12 (AV)

"12 Blessed *is* the man that endureth temptation: for when he is tried, he shall receive the crown of life, which the Lord hath promised to them that love him."

"mercy with them that love him"

"he will not be slack to him that hateth him, he will repay him to his face" Deuteronomy 7:9–10 (AV)

- "9 Know therefore that the LORD thy God, he *is* God, the faithful God, which keepeth covenant and mercy with them that love him and keep his commandments to a thousand generations;
- 10 And repayeth them that hate him to their face, to destroy them: he will not be slack to him that hateth him, he will repay him to his face."

"the kingdom which he hath promised to them that love him?" James 2:5 (AV)

"5 Hearken, my beloved brethren, Hath not God chosen the poor of this world rich in faith, and heirs of the kingdom which he hath promised to them that love him?"



Some people might start thinking that all they have to do is love God, and sit and do nothing else; this is incorrect. Love always causes the actions of love. <u>If we decline</u> to do the actions of loving God, we do not properly love God.

Striving to obey God, and Genuinely loving God, are <u>welded</u> together; they cannot be separated.

Properly loving God <u>always</u> produces obedience. If we genuinely love God, our love for God will <u>drive us</u> to seek and do God's will, and cause us to detest every way and everything that opposes God.

There is no such thing as genuinely loving God while we continue choosing to disobey God. There is no such thing as genuinely being obedient to God, while we do not genuinely love God. Genuinely loving God, and striving to obey him, are an inseparable pair. The Bible connects love and obeying God:

"If ye love me,

keep my commandments"

John 14:15 (AV)

"15 ¶ If ye love me, keep my commandments."

"For this is the love of God, that we keep his commandments"

1 John 5:2–3 (AV)

- "2 By this we know that we love the children of God, when we love God, and keep his commandments.
- 3 For this is the love of God, that we keep his commandments: and his commandments are not grievous."

"this is love,

that we walk after his commandments"

2 John 1:6 (AV)

"6 And this is love, that we walk after his commandments. This is the commandment, That, as ye have heard from the beginning, ye should walk in it."

"If ye keep my commandments, ye shall abide in my love"

John 15:10 (AV)

"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."

"He that loveth me not keepeth not my sayings"

John 14:24 (AV)

"24 He that loveth me not keepeth not my sayings: and the word which ye hear is not mine, but the Father's which sent me."

"but he that doeth"

Matthew 7:21 (AV)

"21 ¶ Not every one that saith unto me, Lord, Lord, shall enter into the kingdom of heaven; but he that doeth the will of my Father which is in heaven."

"unto all them that obey him"

Hebrews 5:9 (AV)

"9 And being made perfect, he became the author of eternal salvation unto all them that obey him;"

The people that love God, and the people that strive to obey him, are one and the same.

"Israel, what doth the LORD thy God require of thee"

Deuteronomy 10:12 (AV)

"12 ¶ And now, Israel, what doth the LORD thy God require of thee, but to fear the LORD thy God, to walk in all his ways, and to love him, and to serve the LORD thy God with all thy heart and with all thy soul,"

God created people for his pleasure, to love them as his own children, to lovingly oversee, care for, and greatly provide for them. God wants us to be like a little child, who crawls up on his daddy's lap, hugs his daddy saying, "Daddy, I love you." "You are the greatest." "Thank you for everything you do for me:" (this needs to come from the depth of our heart). People who genuinely love God desire to be pure, holy, clean, full of love, and righteous, just like their Daddy (God).

As a hen gathers her chicks under her wings, God wants to gather the people who love him (his children) under his loving arms of protection (A lot of people do not understand God's protection, because they do not perceive the whole eternal picture.)

Understanding God does not come from intellectual study alone (going through Bible College, etc.). Much of the needed understanding about God comes from God as a gift to the people who genuinely love God. Thus we might find a simple minded person who understands God better than the preacher, because he loves God more than the preacher loves God. Genuinely loving God with our all, having God first in our heart and life, will cause us to continually, earnestly, read the Bible and prayerfully strive to find and do the will of God, striving to always obey and please God, striving to follow

the leading of the Holy Ghost/Spirit, and praising God from the bottom of our heart daily, this is our best route for correctly understanding God, and the Bible.

God gives to the people who genuinely love God:

1. If we wholeheartedly love God, God will give us the ability to see/perceive and interact with him – If we will (now or in the future) genuinely love God, God will draw us to himself, and start revealing many things about himself to us. How do we find God?

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"ye shall seek me,
and find me,
when ye shall search for me
with all your heart"
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Jeremiah 29:13 (AV)

"13 And ye shall seek me, and find *me*, when ye shall search for me with all your heart."

To understand God, we are to follow God and the teachings of the Bible, not the opinions of human beings. However, God uses different things, ways, and people, to guide us by his Spirit. God will speak to our heart directly; he will speak to us as we read the Holy Bible; and God will send chosen people to teach us God's ways.

But beware, not every person, priest, and pastor is sent to us by God; we need to prayerfully discern if they are actually, genuinely, sent to us by God. There are too many people, priests, and pastors who will try to help us, but they are simply giving us their own personal thoughts, instead of God's. Prayerfully reading and studying the Bible daily, allowing God to speak to us through the Bible, will help us discern who is actually sent to us by God.

2. If we wholeheartedly love God, God will give us God's Spirit

If we genuinely love God, God will lead us to join Jesus Christ. When we are genuinely joined to Jesus Christ the Bible way, God's Spirit will come and dwell inside of us 24/7, giving us constant help and guidance, leading us into the truth and into Godly righteousness, as we cooperate with him.

"when he, the Spirit of truth, is come, he will guide you into all truth"

John 16:13 (AV)

"13 Howbeit when he, the Spirit of truth, is come, he will guide you into all truth: for he shall not speak of himself; but whatsoever he shall hear, *that* shall he speak: and he will shew you things to come."

The Holy Ghost/Spirit causes people, who genuinely love God, to recognize God's Spiritual voice (God Spiritually speaks to our heart). We will follow God's Spiritual voice until we find him. After we have genuinely found God, and God fills us with his Spirit, nobody will be able to convince us that God does not exist, because we have already interacted with God, and God is living inside of us. As long as we continue to genuinely love God and strive to find and do his will, God will lead us to do what we need to do.

3. If we wholeheartedly love God, God will come to us giving us more Godly understanding, discernment, knowledge, etc. More fully understanding God is a gift from God, to the people who genuinely wholeheartedly love him. He will reveal more of himself to us, enlighten our hearts, giving us insight, awareness, perception, and understanding about God. We will recognize that the things God is instructing us to do are good for us, and will profit us and others.

The Spirit of God who is dwelling inside of us will teach us to understand, discern, and recognize which things are truly of God. As we prayerfully read and study the Bible daily, the Spirit of God will cause us to find and do the things we need to do, and teach us how we are to live, etc., as we cooperate with God. God's Spirit will show us which way we are to go in our Spiritual walk with God. Our love for God will cause us to strive to obey and please God at all times. All these things are a direct gift from God to the people who genuinely love him with their all.

If we will not love God, we will not have the Spirit of God guiding us, thus we will not understand and perceive God.

4. If we wholeheartedly love God, God will cause us to grow out of our sinning and into Godly righteousness as we cooperate with him — God transforming us into Godly righteousness sometimes involves trials, situations, and problems.

Example: God allows you to lose your job. Your house and car get repossessed. You, your wife, and children are hungry; you do not know what to do. Then you finally get another job, house, car, etc.

This hardship molded you into being a more compassionate person. Now, when you see people who are down and out, you deeply feel for them, because you remember how it felt when you were down and out. This causes you to be quicker to help them, and earnestly pray for them (Christian elements). God caused you to learn to be compassionate, molding you into being a better Christian.

God causes us to remember how bad we were before we joined Jesus Christ; and that God freely forgave us. This should cause us to freely forgive people who do wrong to us, by remembering how desperately we needed to be forgiven, and that God freely forgave us.

"Shouldest not thou also have had compassion on thy fellowservant, even as I had pity on thee" Matthew 18:23–35 (AV)

- "23 Therefore is the kingdom of heaven likened unto a certain king, which would take account of his servants.
- 24 And when he had begun to reckon, one was brought unto him, which owed him ten thousand talents.
- 25 But forasmuch as he had not to pay, his lord commanded him to be sold, and his wife, and children, and all that he had, and payment to be made.

- 26 The servant therefore fell down, and worshipped him, saying, Lord, have patience with me, and I will pay thee all.
- 27 Then the lord of that servant was moved with compassion, and loosed him, and forgave him the debt.
- 28 But the same servant went out, and found one of his fellowservants, which owed him an hundred pence: and he laid hands on him, and took *him* by the throat, saying, Pay me that thou owest.
- 29 And his fellowservant fell down at his feet, and besought him, saying, Have patience with me, and I will pay thee all.
- 30 And he would not: but went and cast him into prison, till he should pay the debt.
- 31 So when his fellowservants saw what was done, they were very sorry, and came and told unto their lord all that was done.
- 32 Then his lord, after that he had called him, said unto him, O thou wicked servant, I forgave thee all that debt, because thou desiredst me:
- 33 Shouldest not thou also have had compassion on thy fellowservant, even as I had pity on thee?
- 34 And his lord was wroth, and delivered him to the tormentors, till he should pay all that was due unto him.
- 35 So likewise shall my heavenly Father do also unto you, if ye from your hearts forgive not every one his brother their trespasses."
 - **5.** If we genuinely wholeheartedly love God, God will listen to our prayers. God's knowledge and foresight are perfect; God always does what is good. God loves us, thus he will not always grant our requests; he will only grant what is good, and what will end up being good. Just because we believe something is good, and the right way, does not make it true. Mankind's foresight is very short and lacking, we only think we know what is good, but God knows all the future. Basically, mankind only sees the here and now, but God sees things in the eternal picture.

If our prayers are not answered the way we think they should be answered, maybe we are praying for the wrong things, or maybe we are not connected to God the way we need to be connected. Are we walking uprightly in God's eyes?

"no good *thing*will he withhold
from them that walk uprightly"

Psalms 84:11 (AV)

"11 For the LORD God *is* a sun and shield: the LORD will give grace and glory: no good *thing* will he withhold from them that walk uprightly."

Some people think they did too much sinning; they think they are too filthy to give themselves to God. They cannot imagine God forgiving them, because they did so many evil things. In reality, if they sincerely love and want God, the door of salvation is open to them. People who are forgiven much (big-time) often love God much (big-time). Sometimes the evilest sinners, who are genuinely converted, become the best Christians.

"to whom little is forgiven, the same loveth little"

Luke 7:47 (AV)

"47 Wherefore I say unto thee, Her sins, which are many, are forgiven; for she loved much: but to whom little is forgiven, *the same* loveth little."

In a sense our life on earth <u>is a test of our love for God</u>; to see if our heart genuinely craves to love and follow God, or if our heart craves to love and follow evil. A test has problems; our problems during our lifetime are the test. Our answers are what we do with our problems. Our answers reveal if, and how much, we genuinely love God; and they reveal if, and how much we love sin. We live forever, but our life on earth has a limited time, because it is a test, which will reveal where we are going to live forever.

Let us gain a much closer relationship with God

God is seeking for people who genuinely worship him in spirit and in truth.

"shall worship the Father in spirit and in truth: for the Father seeketh such to worship him" John 4:23 (AV)



"23 But the hour cometh, and now is, when the true worshippers shall worship the Father in spirit and in truth: for the Father seeketh such to worship him."

If we get down on our knees, lift our hands up towards God, and praise God daily, in spirit and in truth, out loud (may be done in private), from the depth of our heart; my experience tells me that God will come to us,. God only accepts the words we speak from the depth of our heart

"Draw nigh to God, and he will draw nigh to you"

James 4:8 (AV)

"8 Draw nigh to God, and he will draw nigh to you. Cleanse *your* hands, *ye* sinners; and purify *your* hearts, *ye* double minded."

When we get God's attention, we need to ask God to help us give ourselves completely to him, and tell God that we desire to love him more and more every day. We need to prayerfully read from the New Testament daily, being led by the Holy Spirit/Ghost. We should always praise God before we pray and read the Bible.

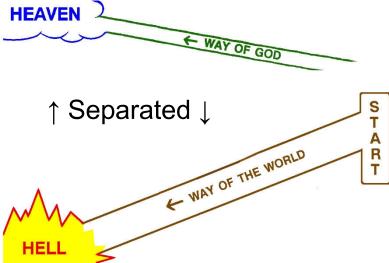


People, who do not love God, block themselves from seeing and accepting the reality that the Holy Bible (when it is properly understood) is our God given handbook on how to live, love, obey, and please God. Lack of proper love for God produces people who choose to defy God's instructions.



God loves us so much, he gave us the Jesus Exit

At one time everyone was on "The way of the world", headed to the eternal lake of fire, with no hope of going to Heaven. "The way of God" and "The way of the world" were separated; there was no way for us to get onto "The way of God.

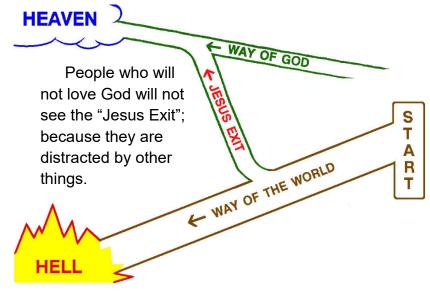


God loves us greatly, and he wants us to live with him in Heaven. But sin is not allowed in Heaven, and we all have sin in our lives: the penalty for sin is death. But God had great mercy on us and sent his Son to die in our place, to pay the penalty for our sins. With his death, Christ became our door and our way into Heaven (*The Jesus Exit*).

If Jesus would not have died for our sins, we would not have the <u>opportunity to turn</u> to follow him in righteousness; we would have been doomed without hope.

Christ dying on the cross made a way for us to exit "The way of the world," and get on "The way of God". Because Jesus Christ died for us we have a choice, we can merrily continue on our way into the eternal lake of fire, or we can take the Jesus Exit and follow Christ up the path into Godly righteousness to Heaven.

If we love God, we can take the Jesus Exit by genuinely giving/joining our self to Jesus Christ the Bible way (Acts 2:38).



Our world is like a downward moving escalator, taking people down to the eternal lake of fire. We need to exit this worldly downward moving escalator ("The way of the world, the way of sin), and go upward on the way of Jesus Christ.

Just as there were many loud voices in the crowd, there are also many voices telling us how to become a part of the family of God, but all these voices do not agree. However, in time, if we earnestly pray and earnestly read the Bible daily, loving God with all our heart, soul, mind, and strength, the

Holy Ghost/Spirit will let us know which voices are actually from God. We need to love God and trust him to direct our way, as we strive to find and do his will. If we truly love God, we are not on our own. Our love for God will cause us to keep searching the Bible to understand more and more about God's will, for the rest of our lives; it never ends.

We do not obey God's commandments to earn our way into Heaven. We are not saved by our works, but by the grace of God. However, when we genuinely give our self totally to Jesus Christ, we will have a deep genuine love for God. This deep love will compel us to obey God, including doing all the "works" to the best of our ability.

Even when we wholeheartedly strive not to sin, being human, we will still end up short of perfection and mess-up many times. If our heart is right, if we repent, and if we genuinely love God, God will forgive us.

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