



IT'S ALL ABOUT LOVE

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I.

How Great The Father's Love

Habakkuk 2:4

“... the righteous shall live by his faith.”

What is God Like?

- He is Benevolent and Approachable
- He Displays Unmerited Favor and Love

Luke 15:11-24





























II.

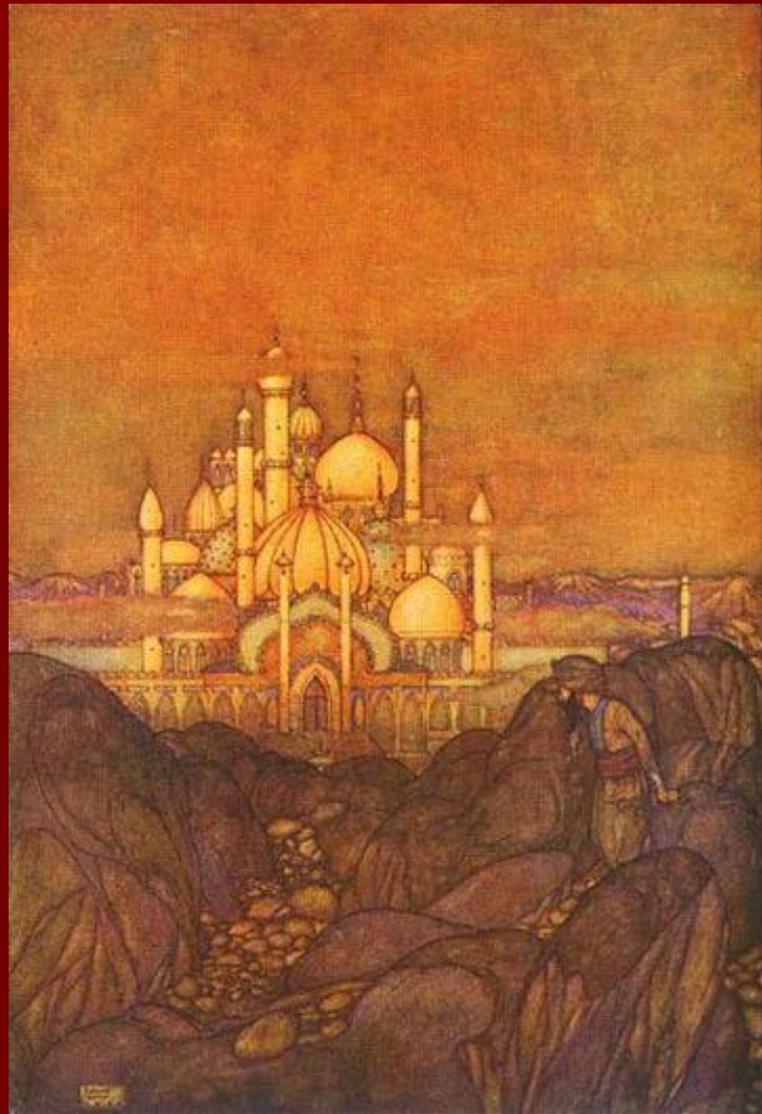
The Truth of God's Love

John 3:16

“For God so loved the world that he gave his one and only Son, that whoever believes in him shall not perish but have eternal life.”

Two Beggars























1. The Divine Source of Love



1 John 4:8

“Anyone who does not love does not know God, because God is love.”

God's Love

- Mercy is God's forgiving love
- Grace is God's undeserved love
- Peace is God's comforting love
- The will of God is God's unerring love
- Providence is God's caring love
- The death, burial and resurrection of Jesus Christ is God's proven love
- Sanctification is God's nurturing love
- Eternity is God's unending love

Romans 5:7-8

“For almost never would someone die for a wicked man – though for an upright man one would die – but God shows His love for us in that while we were yet sinners, Christ died for us.”

Aramaic New Testament

2. The Unworthy Subjects of His Love



1 John 2:15-17

“Do not love the world or anything in the world. If anyone loves the world, love for the Father is not in them. For everything in the world—the lust of the flesh, the lust of the eyes, and the pride of life—comes not from the Father but from the world. The world and its desires pass away, but whoever does the will of God lives forever.”

“God does not love us because we’re valuable; we are valuable because God loves us.”

Martin Luther

“In this manner God loved the world” or “This is how God loved the world.”

“For God so loved the world that He gave His only Son.”

3. The Infinite Worth of the Gift



Two Kinds of "ONE"

- "God is one." Hebrew *echad*

All the aspects and manifestations of God are contained in this universal unity.

From the *Shama*

- "The one and only." Hebrew *yachid*.

1 John 4:9

“In this the love of God was made manifest among us, that God sent his only Son into the world, so that we might live through him.”

Jesus is one of A Kind

- There's nobody like Jesus
- Nobody was born like Jesus
- Nobody lived like Jesus
- Nobody died like Jesus
- Nobody was raised like Jesus
- Nobody is coming again like Jesus

4. The Redeeming Purpose of the Gift



John 3: 14-15

“Just as Moses lifted up the snake in the wilderness, so the Son of Man must be lifted up, that everyone who believes may have eternal life in him.”

Numbers 21:4-9

They traveled from Mount Hor along the route to the Red Sea, to go around Edom. But the people grew impatient on the way; they spoke against God and against Moses, and said, "Why have you brought us up out of Egypt to die in the wilderness? There is no bread! There is no water! And we detest this miserable food!"

Then the Lord sent venomous snakes among them; they bit the people and many Israelites died. The people came to Moses and said, "We sinned when we spoke against the Lord and against you. Pray that the Lord will take the snakes away from us."



So Moses prayed for the people. The Lord said to Moses, "Make a snake and put it up on a pole; anyone who is bitten can look at it and live." So Moses made a bronze snake and put it up on a pole. Then when anyone was bitten by a snake and looked at the bronze snake, they lived.

5. The Eternal Benefits of the Gift



John 3:18

“Whoever believes in him is not condemned, but whoever does not believe stands condemned already because they have not believed in the name of God’s one and only Son.”

2 Corinthians 5: 17

“Therefore, if anyone is in Christ, he is a new creation. The old has passed away; behold, the new has come.”



III.

Trusting God's Timing and Love

Habakkuk 2:3

“The vision is for an appointed time. Though it tarry, wait earnestly for it, for it will come to pass.”

What seems Like a Blessing...







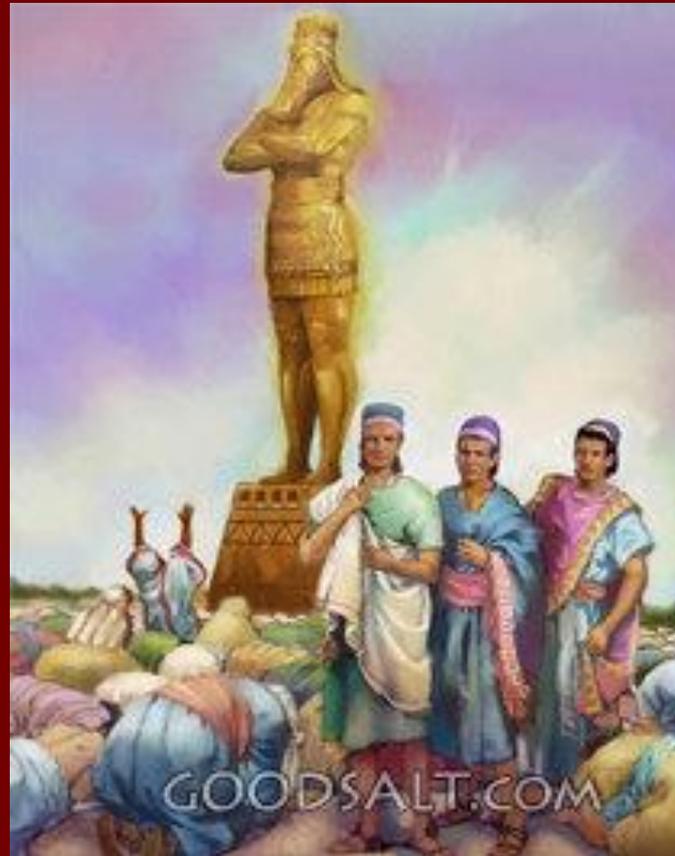




Psalm 31:14-15

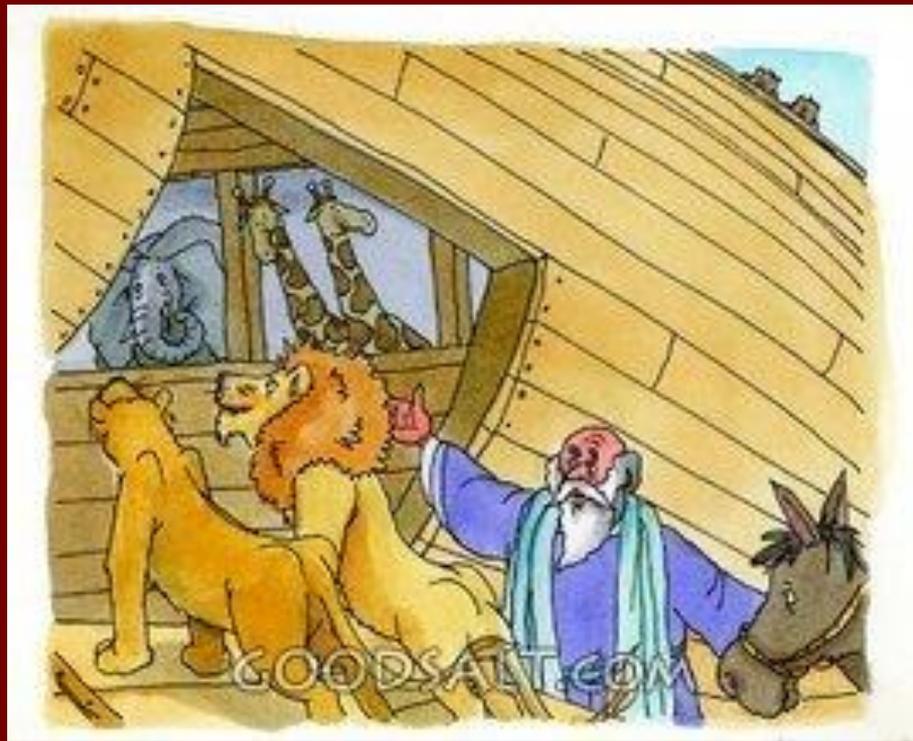
“But I trust in you, Lord; I say,
‘You are my God. My times are
in your hands; deliver me from
the hands of my enemies from
those who pursue me.’”

1. What Kind of Obedience Does A Covenant With God Require?



The law behind the written law
is the law of love

2. What Would It Mean For Us To Live In Obedience To God?



Galatians 4:4-7

“But when the set time had fully come, God sent his Son, born of a woman, born under the law, to redeem those under the law, that we might receive adoption to sonship. Because you are his sons, God sent the Spirit of his Son into our hearts, the Spirit who calls out, “*Abba*, Father.” So you are no longer a slave, but God’s child; and since you are his child, God has made you also an heir.”



IV.

The Art of Love

1 Corinthians 13:13

“And now these three remain: faith, hope and love. But the greatest of these is love.”

1. The Creation of the World



Genesis 1:1

“Be’reasheet bara Elohim et
hashamayim v’et ha eretz.”

- ***Elohim*** – God made manifest in the forces of nature.

Elohim is understood as being qualitatively plural, stronger and more powerful, mightier than any other god.

- ***Bara*** – verb to create; “He created”

Grammatically 3rd person masculine singular
(The verb and noun must agree)

- ***Hashamayim*** – the heavens
(above)

from the root word ***shamah*** meaning
“heaven”, “sky” or “the place of the
winds.”

- ***Ha eretz*** – the earth (below)

- **Be'reasheet** – a compound word.

Be translates as “with”

reasheet translates as
“ first wisdom”

“With wisdom God
created the heavens and
the earth”

“How manifold are Your works, Eternal.
You made them all with wisdom.”
[Psalm 104:24]



“With wisdom the Lord laid the earth’s foundations, by understanding He set the heavens in place.”
[Proverbs 3:19-20]



2. And Man Became A Living Spirit



It Is Not good for Man to Be Alone



If You Eat of It, Your Eyes Will Be Opened
And You Will Be Like God.



3. After The Fall



He Must Not Be Allowed to Reach Out
His Hand And Take Also From the Tree of Life



The Tree of Knowledge Was In the Middle of the Garden



Ezekiel 18:20

“The soul who sins is the one who will die.”

4. The Infinite Metaphysical



Genesis 32:30

“And Jacob asked him, and said: “Tell me your name.”

And he said: “Wherefore is it that you ask after my name?”

Exodus 3:13-15

“And (the people) will say to me: “What is your name? What shall I say to them? And God said to Moses: “I will be that which I will be.” And He said thus shall you say to the children of Israel: “I will be sent me to you... This is My name *le-olam*.”

le-olam is a Hebrew expression meaning **forever** and also **hidden** and also **in the world**.

Zechariah 14:9

“On that day [the Eternal] will be king over the whole earth. On that day there will be one Lord, and His name the only name.”

Deuteronomy 4:39

“You shall know this day and place it in your heart that the Eternal is God in heaven above and on the earth below; *ain-od.*” from the Hebrew Bible

Ain-od is a Hebrew expression in this verse meaning there is nothing else.

Song of Songs 1:4

“The king has brought me into his chambers; we will be glad and rejoice in thee.”

5. Love, the Solution



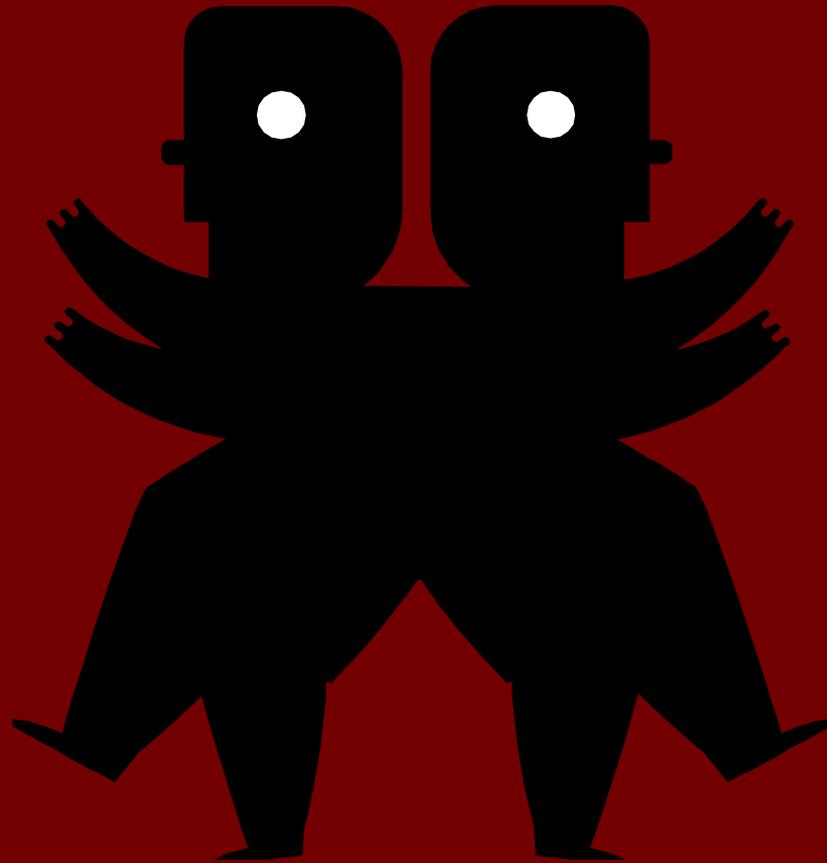
chesed

Chesed is an aspect of expansion, of sharing, giving, contribution, grace, compassion, a move outward to embrace the world.

gevurah

Gevurah is an expression of contraction, withholding, maintaining, limiting, measuring, restraint, strength, judgment, power and concealment.

6. The War Within



Conflict



Grandma's Story















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Philippians 1:9-10

“...may abound more and more with knowledge and all discernment, so that you may approve what is excellent, and may be pure and blameless for the day of Christ.”

7. The Depth of Love



1 John 3:17

“If any one has the world’s goods and sees his brother in need, yet closes his heart against him, how does God’s love abide in him?”

John 13:34

“A new commandment I give you, that you love one another; even as I have loved you that you also love one another.”



V.

Do We Love Much?

Romans 5:8

“But God commands his love towards us, in that, while we were yet sinners, Christ died for us.”

Matthew 22:35-40

“One of them, an expert in the Law, tested him with this question: ‘Teacher, which is the greatest commandment in the law?’ Jesus replied, ‘Love the Lord your God with all your heart and all your soul and all your mind. This is the first and greatest commandment. And the second is like it: Love your neighbor as yourself. All the Law and the Prophets hang on these two commandments.’”

1 John 4:7-8

“Beloved, let us love one another, for love is from God, and whoever loves has been born of God and knows God. Anyone who does not love does not know God, because God is love.”

Who Is Truly Pious



Galatians 1:13-16

“For you have heard of my previous way of life in Judaism, how intensely I persecuted the Church of God, and tried to destroy it. I was advancing in Judaism beyond many of my own age among my people and was extremely zealous for the traditions of my fathers. But when God, who set me apart from my mother’s womb and called me by His grace was pleased to reveal His Son in me so that I might preach Him among the Gentiles, my immediate response was not to consult any human being.”

1 John 4:10,19

“In this is love, not that we have loved God but that He loved us and sent his Son to be the propitiation for our sins.”

“We love because he first loved us.”

2 Peter 1:9-11

“But whoever does not have them is nearsighted and blind, forgetting that they have been cleansed from their past sins. Therefore, my brothers and sisters, make every effort to confirm your calling and election. For if you do these things, you will never stumble, and you will receive a rich welcome into the eternal Kingdom of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ.”

Lost Perspective

- Blind
- Unable to see afar off
- Forgetful

1 John 3:16

“Hereby perceive we the love of God, because he laid down his life for us: and we ought to lay down our lives for the brethren.”

Ephesians 5:22-25

“Wives, submit yourselves to your own husbands as you do to the Lord. For the husband is the head of the wife as Christ is the head of the Church, his body, of which He is the Savior. Now as the Church submits to Christ, so also wives should submit to their husbands in everything. Husbands, love your wives, just as Christ loved the Church, and gave himself up for her.”

Luke 7:36-39

“When one of the Pharisees invited Jesus to have dinner with him, he went to the Pharisee’s house and reclined at the table. A woman in that town who lived a sinful life learned that Jesus was eating at the Pharisee’s house, so she came there with an alabaster jar of perfume. As she stood behind him at his feet weeping, she began to wet his feet with her tears. Then she wiped them with her hair, kissed them and poured perfume on them. When the Pharisee who had invited him saw this, he said to himself, ‘If this man were a prophet, he would know who is touching him and what kind of woman she is—that she is a sinner.’”

1 Peter 1:18-21

“For you know that it was not with perishable things such as silver or gold that you were redeemed from the empty way of life handed down to you from your ancestors, but with the precious blood of Christ, a lamb without blemish or defect. He was chosen before the creation of the world, but was revealed in these last times for your sake. Through him you believe in God, who raised him from the dead and glorified him, and so your faith and hope are in God.”

Luke 7:39-43

“When the Pharisee who had invited him saw this, he said to himself, ‘If this man were a prophet, he would know who is touching him and what kind of woman she is—that she is a sinner.’ Jesus answered him, ‘Simon, I have something to tell you.’ ‘Tell me, teacher,’ he said. ‘Two people owed money to a certain moneylender. One owed him five hundred denarii, and the other fifty. Neither of them had the money to pay him back, so he forgave the debts of both. Now which of them will love him more?’ Simon replied, ‘I suppose the one who had the bigger debt forgiven.’ ‘You have judged correctly,’ Jesus said.”

Luke 7:44-48

“Then he turned toward the woman and said to Simon, ‘Do you see this woman? I came into your house. You did not give me any water for my feet, but she wet my feet with her tears and wiped them with her hair. You did not give me a kiss, but this woman, from the time I entered, has not stopped kissing my feet. You did not put oil on my head, but she has poured perfume on my feet. Therefore, I tell you, her many sins have been forgiven—as her great love has shown. But whoever has been forgiven little loves little.’ Then Jesus said to her, ‘Your sins are forgiven.’”

1 John 4:11,20

“Beloved, if God so loved us, we also ought to love one another.”

“If anyone says, I love God, and hates his brother, he is a liar; for he who does not love his brother whom he has seen cannot love God whom he has not seen.”

1 Thessalonians 3:12-13

“May the Lord make your love increase and overflow for each other and for everyone else, just as ours does for you. May he strengthen your hearts so that you will be blameless and holy in the presence of our God and Father when our Lord Jesus comes with all his holy ones.”

