

"LORD, I BELIEVE!" AND HE WORSHIPED HIM." – JOHN 9:38

CRAVING LOVE PART 2



REVIEW

- ALL HUMANITY CRAVES FOR LOVE
- EVERYONE NEEDS TO LOVE AND BE LOVED
- THOSE WHO SUFFER FROM UNFULFILLED LOVE OFTEN SUFFER FROM INTERNAL ANGER OR RESENTMENT
- THE CRAVING FOR LOVE WILL NEVER BE SATISFIED BY PEOPLE

THOSE WHO ARE FILLED WITH DIVINE LOVE WILL BECOME LIKE STRANGERS IN THIS WORLD

• WHEN PHARAOH HEARD OF THIS MATTER, HE SOUGHT TO KILL MOSES. BUT MOSES FLED FROM THE FACE OF PHARAOH AND DWELT IN THE LAND OF MIDIAN; AND HE SAT DOWN BY A WELL. NOW THE PRIEST OF MIDIAN HAD SEVEN DAUGHTERS. AND THEY CAME AND DREW WATER, AND THEY FILLED THE TROUGHS TO WATER THEIR FATHER'S FLOCK. 1THEN THE SHEPHERDS CAME AND DROVE THEM AWAY; BUT MOSES STOOD UP AND HELPED THEM, AND WATERED THEIR FLOCK. WHEN THEY CAME TO REUEL THEIR FATHER, HE SAID, "HOW IS IT THAT YOU HAVE COME SO SOON TODAY?"

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 AND THEY SAID, "AN EGYPTIAN DELIVERED US FROM THE HAND OF THE SHEPHERDS, AND HE ALSO DREW ENOUGH WATER FOR US AND WATERED THE FLOCK." SO HE SAID TO HIS DAUGHTERS, "AND WHERE IS HE? WHY IS IT THAT YOU HAVE LEFT THE MAN? CALL HIM, THAT HE MAY EAT BREAD." THEN MOSES WAS CONTENT TO LIVE WITH THE MAN, AND HE GAVE ZIPPORAH HIS DAUGHTER TO MOSES. AND SHE BORE HIM A SON. HE CALLED HIS NAME GERSHOM, FOR HE SAID, "I HAVE BEEN A STRANGER IN A FOREIGN LAND."

(EX. 2:15-22)

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 "FOR WE HAVE SPENT ENOUGH OF OUR PAST LIFETIME IN DOING THE WILL OF THE GENTILES—WHEN WE WALKED IN LEWDNESS, LUSTS, DRUNKENNESS, REVELRIES, DRINKING PARTIES, AND ABOMINABLE IDOLATRIES. IN REGARD TO THESE, THEY THINK IT STRANGE THAT YOU DO NOT RUN WITH THEM IN THE SAME FLOOD OF DISSIPATION, SPEAKING EVIL OF YOU." (1 PET. 4:3-4)

DRINKING OF DIVINE LOVE

1. RETREAT WITH GOD

- "PRAYER IS PRECEDED BY QUIET TIME, AND QUIET TIME CAN BE PRACTICED PRAYERFULLY. FROM BOTH WE GET THE LOVE FOR GOD; FOR THERE ARE IN BOTH MOTIVATION FOR LOVING HIM, AS LOVE IS THE FRUIT OF PRAYER." (ST. ISAAC THE SYRIAN)
- "O GOD, YOU ARE MY GOD; EARLY WILL I SEEK YOU; MY SOUL THIRSTS FOR YOU; MY FLESH LONGS FOR YOU IN A DRY AND THIRSTY LAND WHERE THERE IS NO WATER."

(DC C 2.1)

1. RETREAT WITH GOD

- "BEHOLD, I STAND AT THE DOOR AND KNOCK. IF ANYONE HEARS MY VOICE AND OPENS THE DOOR, I WILL COME IN TO HIM AND DINE WITH HIM, AND HE WITH ME." (REV. 3:20)
- "LIKE AN APPLE TREE AMONG THE TREES OF THE WOODS, SO IS MY BELOVED AMONG THE SONS. I SAT DOWN IN HIS SHADE WITH GREAT DELIGHT, AND HIS FRUIT WAS SWEET TO MY TASTE." (SS 2:3)

2. ASK

- "BLESSED ARE THOSE WHO HUNGER AND THIRST FOR RIGHTEOUSNESS, FOR THEY SHALL BE FILLED." (MATT. 5:6)
- "ONE THING I HAVE ASKED OF THE LORD, THIS ALSO I WILL SEEK, THAT I SHOULD DWELL IN THE HOUSE OF THE LORD ALL THE DAYS OF MY LIFE, THAT I SHOULD BEHOLD THE FAIR BEAUTY OF THE LORD, AND VISIT HIS HOLY TEMPLE." (PS. 27:4)

3. YOU CANNOT BE FILLED WITH GOD'S LOVE OUNTIL YOU ARE ABLE TO LOVE THOSE AROUND YOU

- "I TOLD YOU ALREADY, AND YOU DID NOT LISTEN. WHY DO YOU WANT TO HEAR IT AGAIN? DO YOU ALSO WANT TO BECOME HIS DISCIPLES." (JN. 9:27)
- "IF SOMEONE SAYS, "I LOVE GOD," AND HATES HIS BROTHER, HE IS A LIAR; FOR HE WHO DOES NOT LOVE HIS BROTHER WHOM HE HAS SEEN, HOW CAN HE LOVE GOD WHOM HE HAS NOT SEEN? AND THIS COMMANDMENT WE HAVE FROM HIM: THAT HE WHO LOVES GOD MUST LOVE HIS BROTHER ALSO." (1 JN. 4:20–21)



4. WORSHIP HIM

- GOD POURS HIS LOVE ON THOSE WHO WORSHIP HIM
- SAMARITAN WOMAN





SUMMARY

- 1. RETREAT WITH GOD
- 2. ASK
- 3. LOVE THOSE AROUND YOU
- 4. WORSHIP HIM