

ABBA'S DELIGHT

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THIS MONTH'S MEDITATION SCRIPTURE: *And He said to him, "You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart, and with all your soul, and with all your mind." This is the great and foremost commandment. The second is like it, "You shall love your neighbor as yourself." On these two commandments depend the whole Law and the Prophets. Mt.22:37-40*

The most important thing we do as Father's sons and daughters is learning to love. Not for our sake, but for His, seeing Jesus as our example. We all have a need to receive and give love, but the ways we express love are vast and varied. Some of these expressions are Christ-like. Others are simply aimed at things we have no business going after, if we are truly Father's heirs; and we can miss the mark in "loving" these things. Let's take a look at what the Word says about love, and how it should be shown. Some of these passages will be very familiar, and you may have a tendency to gloss over those. But I want to challenge us to take some time over the next days and weeks to meditate on each one of these, long though the list may be, to find new, or re-newed, life in them.

Hatred stirs up strife, but love covers all transgressions. **Prov. 10:12**

For God so loved the world, that He gave His only begotten Son, that whoever believes in Him should not perish, but have eternal life. **John 3:16**

He who covers a transgression seeks love, but he who repeats a matter separates intimate friends. **Prov. 17:9**

He has brought me to his banquet hall, and his banner over me is love. **SOS 2:4**

Many waters cannot quench love, nor will rivers overflow it; if a man were to give all the riches of his house for love, it would be utterly despised. **SOS 8:7**

The Lord appeared to him from afar, saying, "I have loved you with an everlasting love; therefore I have drawn you with lovingkindness. **Jer. 31:3**

And because lawlessness is increased, most people's love will grow cold. **Mt. 24:12**

A new commandment I give to you, that you love one another, even as I have loved you, that you also love one another. By this all men will know that you are My disciples, if you have love for one another. **John 13:34,35**

This is My commandment, that you love one another, just as I have loved you. Greater love has no one than this, that one lay down his live for his friends. You are My friends if you do what I command you. **John 15:12-14**

...and I have made Thy name known to them, and will make it known; that the love wherewith Thou didst love Me may be in them, and I in them. **John 17:26**

Who shall separate us from the love of Christ? Shall tribulation or distress, or persecution, or famine, or nakedness, or peril or sword? Just as it is written, "For Thy sake we are being put to death all day long; we were considered as sheep to be slaughtered." But in all these things we overwhelmingly conquer through Him who loved us. For I am convinced that neither death, nor life, nor angels, nor principalities, nor things present, nor things to come, nor powers, no height, nor depth, nor any other created thing, shall be able to separate us from the love of God, which is in Christ Jesus our Lord.
Rom. 8:35-39

Let love be sincere and genuine (without hypocrisy). Abhor what is evil; cling to what is good. Be devoted to one another in brotherly love; outdo one another in honor...**Rom.12:9,10**

Love does no wrong to a neighbor; love therefore is the fulfillment of the law. **Rom.13:10**

For the love of God controls us, having concluded this, that one died for all, therefore all died...
2Cor.5:14

But the fruit of the Spirit is love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, gentleness, self-control; against such things there is no law. **Gal.5:22,23**

For you were called to freedom brethren; only do not turn your freedom into an opportunity for the flesh, but through love serve one another. **Gal.5:13**

...that He would grant you, according to the riches of His glory, to be strengthened with power through his Spirit in the inner man; so that Christ may dwell in your hearts through faith; and that you, being rooted and grounded in love, may be able to comprehend with all the saints what is the breadth and length and height and depth, and to know the love of Christ which surpasses all knowledge, that you may be filled up to all the fullness of God. **Eph.3:16-19**

For the love of money is a root of all sorts of evil, and some by longing for it have wandered away from the faith, and pierced themselves with many a pang. **1 Tim.6:10**

For God has not given us a spirit of fear, but of power and love and sound judgment. **2 Tim.1:7**

Since you have in obedience to the truth purified your souls for a sincere love of the brethren, fervently love one another from the heart,...**1 Pet 1:22**

See how great a love the Father has bestowed upon us, that we should be called children of God; and such we are. For this reason the world does not know us, because it did not know Him.
1 Jn.3:1

But I have this against you, that you have left your first love. **Rev.2:4**

Know therefore that the Lord your God, He is God, the faithful God, who keeps His covenant and His lovingkindness to a thousandth generation with those who love Him and keep his commandments...Deut.7:9

But let all who take refuge in Thee be glad, let them ever sing for joy; and mayest Thou shelter them, that those who love Thy name may exult in Thee. **Ps.5:11**

Hate evil, you who love the Lord, who preserves the souls of His godly ones; He delivers them from the hand of the wicked. **Ps.97:10**

Do not forsake her (wisdom), and she will guard you; love her, and she will watch over you. **Pr.4:6**

Do not reprove a scoffer, lest he hat you, reprove a wise man, and he will love you. **Pr.9:8**

He has told you, O man, what is good; and what does the Lord require of you but to do justice, to love kindness, and to walk humbly with your God? **Mic.6:8**

“But I say to you, love your enemies, and pray for those who persecute you in order that you may be sons of your Father who is in heaven; for He causes His sun to rise on the evil and the good, and sends rain on the righteous and the unrighteous. **John 5:44,45**

No one can serve two masters, for either he will hate the one and love the other, or he will hold to one and despise the other. You cannot serve God and mammon. **Mt.6:24**

And we know that God causes all things to work together for good to those who love God, to those who are called according to His purpose. **Rom.8:28**

...but just as it is written, “Things which eye has not seen and ear has not heard, and which have not entered the heart of man, all that God has prepared for those who love Him.” **1 Cor.2:9**

Do not love the world, nor the things in the world. If anyone loves the world, the love of the Father is not in him. **1 Jn.2:15**

Beloved, let us love one another, for love is from God; and everyone who loves is born of God and knows God. The one who does not love does not know God, for God is love. By this the love of God was manifested in us, that God has sent His only begotten Son into the world so that we might live through Him. In this is love, not that we loved God, but that He loved us and sent His Son to be the propitiation for our sins. Beloved, if God so loved us, we also ought to love one another. No one has beheld God at any time; if we love one another, God abides in us, and His love is perfected in us. By this we know that we abide in Him and He in us, because He has given us His Spirit. And we have beheld and bear witness that the Father has sent the Son to be the Savior of the world. Whoever confesses that Jesus is the Son of God, God abides in Him, and he in God. And we have come to know and have believed the love which God has for us. God is love, and the one who abides in love abides in God, and God abides in him. By this, love is perfected with us, that we may have confidence in the day of judgment; because as He is, so

also we are in this world. There is no fear in love; but perfect love casts out fear, because fear involves punishment, and the one who fears is not perfected in love. We love, because He first loved us. **1 Jn.4:7-19**

Love is patient, love is kind, and is not jealous; love does not brag and is not arrogant, does not act unbecomingly; it does not seek its own, is not provoked, does not take into account a wrong suffered, does not rejoice in unrighteousness, but rejoices with the truth; bears all things, believes all things, hopes all things, endures all things. Love never fails;...But now abide faith, hope, love, these three; but the greatest of these is love. **1Cor.13:4-8a, 13**

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Jude 24, 25*