

The Victorious Power of Love

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Scripture References

Romans 8:31, 32, 35-39
Genesis 22:2, 12, 13
Ephesians 3:14-20
Romans 5:5
Matthew 3:17

Matthew 4:1-3
1 John 4:18, 19
Psalm 27:13
2 Chronicles 20:1-25
1 Samuel 17:1-51

Summary

God loves us and wants good things for us. We must fully believe this. If we blame Him for the bad things that happen in the world, it is because we do not understand His nature. His love is powerful; believing in it gives us victory in life. God is for us and is on our side; Jesus shed His blood on the cross to make this permanent. Therefore, no adversity or bad situation is strong enough to overcome this promise we have. Having childlike faith in God's love for us gives us what we need to overcome all of life's temptations and troubles.

A. God is one hundred percent on our side, and He loves us deeply. This gives us victory.

1. What shall we then say to these things? If God be for us, who can be against us? He that spared not his own Son, but delivered him up for us all, how shall he not with him also freely give us all things?... Who shall separate us from the love of Christ? shall tribulation, or distress, or persecution, or famine, or nakedness, or peril, or sword? As it is written, For thy sake we are killed all the day long; we are accounted as sheep for the slaughter. Nay, in all these things we are more than conquerors through him that loved us. For I am persuaded, that neither death, nor life, nor angels, nor principalities, nor powers, nor things present, nor things to come, Nor height, nor depth, nor any other creature, shall be able to separate us from the love of God, which is in Christ Jesus our Lord (Romans 8:31, 32, 35-39).
 - a. There should be no question in our minds: God is for us. He is on our side.
 - b. In the Old Testament, there were times when God was against His people; however, that was under the Law of Moses. What Jesus did on the cross put God on our side forever.
 - c. God will turn around whatever the devil throws in our path. God turns whatever seems like a stumbling block into a stepping stone.
 - d. We will encounter troubles, but God's love helps us triumph over them; *they* will not triumph over *us*.
 - e. Everything the devil does is designed to destroy our belief that God loves us.
 - f. Nothing in this world is strong enough to stop God's love from working for us. We must stand firm in our faith in this truth.
2. And he said, Take now thy son, thine only son Isaac, whom thou lovest, and get thee into the land of Moriah; and offer him there for a burnt offering upon one of the mountains which I will tell thee of... And he said, Lay not thine hand upon the lad, neither do thou any

- thing unto him: for now I know that thou fearest God, seeing thou hast not withheld thy son, thine only son from me. And Abraham lifted up his eyes, and looked, and behold behind him a ram caught in a thicket by his horns: and Abraham went and took the ram, and offered him up for a burnt offering in the stead of his son (Genesis 22:2, 12, 13).
- a. Abraham's willingness to sacrifice his only beloved son was a shadow of what was to come, when God *did* sacrifice His only begotten Son.
 - b. God knew that Abraham loved Him because he did not withhold his only son. We know that God loves us because He didn't withhold *His* Son.
3. For this cause I bow my knees unto the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, Of whom the whole family in heaven and earth is named, That he would grant you, according to the riches of his glory, to be strengthened with might by his Spirit in the inner man; That Christ may dwell in your hearts by faith; that ye, being rooted and grounded in love, May be able to comprehend with all saints what is the breadth, and length, and depth, and height; And to know the love of Christ, which passeth knowledge, that ye might be filled with all the fulness of God. Now unto him that is able to do exceeding abundantly above all that we ask or think, according to the power that worketh in us (Ephesians 3:14-20).
- a. We are God's beloved; His love for us is too deep, wide, and all-encompassing for us to fathom.
 - b. Just as a car needs gas to run, we need God's love to operate. It makes us whole in spirit, soul, and body.

B. God's love is powerful. There is absolutely nothing strong enough to separate us from it.

1. And hope maketh not ashamed; because the love of God is shed abroad in our hearts by the Holy Ghost which is given unto us (Romans 5:5).
 - a. The first thing the Holy Spirit does after we get born again is to pour God's love into our hearts. It is no accident that the Holy Spirit is mentioned in relation to God's love.
 - b. The love of God is the *power* of God. Once we understand His love, we will understand His power.
2. When Jesus began His ministry and went into the wilderness to fast, the enemy tried to attack His belief in God's love for Him; he will try the same thing with us. We must never allow the enemy to whisper in our ear. Temptation will not work in the lives of people who know they are God's beloved.
 - a. And lo a voice from heaven, saying, This is my beloved Son, in whom I am well pleased (Matthew 3:17).
 - b. Then was Jesus led up of the Spirit into the wilderness to be tempted of the devil. And when he had fasted forty days and forty nights, he was afterward an hungred. And when the tempter came to him, he said, If thou be the Son of God, command that these stones be made bread (Matthew 4:1-3).
3. There is no fear in love; but perfect love casteth out fear: because fear hath torment. He that feareth is not made perfect in love (1 John 4:18).
 - a. God's love removes any and all fear we could ever have. Faith in His love causes us to win over every potentially threatening circumstance or frightening possibility.
 - b. Like David, we must have faith in God's love and goodness.
 - c. I had fainted, unless I had believed to see the goodness of the LORD in the land of the living (Psalm 27:13).

- d. In the Old Testament, after the children of Israel were victorious in battle against Jehoshaphat, they praised God for His love He for them and the victory He gave them (2 Chronicles 20:1-25). We must praise Him the same way.
- e. If we stop believing in God's love for us, we open ourselves up to fear in many forms.
- f. When David went up against Goliath, all of Israel feared Goliath. However, David was not afraid and came out the victor (1 Samuel 17:1-51) because he was God's beloved. The knowledge that God loves us the same way empowers us to slay the Goliaths in *our* lives.
- g. Love is not a feeling; it is a choice. We love because God first loved us (1 John 4:19). We must focus on this love.

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