



THE WAY OF LOVE - A WANT OF GOD FROM HUMAN IN THE BIBLE

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Abstract

Paul wrote this letter to the Corinthians from Ephesus about A.D. 55. It addresses many practical questions dividing the church- question concerning such things as spiritual gifts, marriage, food offered to idols, and the resurrection. Paul urged the Corinthians to be unified and to give themselves fully to “the work of the Lord”. It also includes a well-known passage on the nature and importance of love. It mainly focuses on the way of love. He says how love should behave and its characteristics.

Discussion

Love of Gods words are packed with his purpose of coming to the world as a human being. He mainly focuses on life of people and helps them in coming out of their sins. In Old Testament, he gave certain laws to be followed but when people turned against God and committed sin, he punished them in the same place. When sin started increasing he came to the world as a son, to set his life an example for people. He lived in this world like a normal human being and did according to the words of God. He proved that everyone can live the life as per the words of God.

He sacrificed his life for the sake of man’s sin. When he was crucified on the cross, sins of men were also crucified. His purpose of coming is to fulfil the law. His main motto is love and forgiveness. God, who falls in love with mankind, sacrificed him on the cross to prove his love. He also teaches every man to love another to the extreme that one’s love will never try for revenge. God forgave man’s sins and gave new life to mankind. God is love; he shows his love in everything that he does. He says, the greatest of anything is love. The theme love in bible is defined only by the nature of god. God didn’t love but he is love. Whatever he does to man is out of his love. He showed his love to his father by obeying his words. The entire theme of Bible is Love.

“If I speak in the tongue of men and of angels, but have not love, I am a noisy gang or a clanging cymbal. And if I have prophetic powers, and understand all mysteries and all knowledge and if I have all faith, so as to remove mountains, but have not love, I am nothing. If I give away all I have and if I deliver up my body to be burned but have not love, I gain nothing” (1 Cor 12. 1-3)”

Speaking on different tongues of men is not that possible thing that any man can do. Speaking on the tongues of angels is an unimaginable for any normal man but he says if a man could do even that hardest thing and if he does not have love then surely he will be like a noisy gang or a clanging symbol which produces a horrible sound that is unbearable to the ears. If the world admires and praises a man is admired for his intelligence and if he doesn't have love then he is nothing with his wisdom. If a man receives prophetic power with the blessings of God and understands all the mysteries of the word and shines like a star, still without love he is nothing in this world. Though he has faith to the fullest that even his words will remove mountains but without love he is less in this world. Love is everything and without love nothing is great in this world.

The greatest offering one can offer is his own life. Life has its own value where people can hesitate to lose it. When it comes to the creator, he sacrificed himself on the cross just to show his love on mankind. God says if human sacrifices their life and if they do such sacrifices without any love. Then this kind of sacrifices does not have any value or sense. When he was crucified on the cross, he did it whole heartiness. His love for mankind was pure. His action forgave all man's sins. His love had meaning and he gained the heart of mankind.

Love is patient and kind, love does not envy or boast.

It is not arrogant or rude. It doesn't insist on its own way.

It is not irritable or resentful.

It doesn't rejoice at wrongdoing, but rejoices with the truth. (1 Cor 13:4-6).

Characteristics of Love are portrayed in beautifully. The Lovable heart patiently waits, God Patiently waited for the human to come out of their Sins. When people surrender themselves in worldly sins, he kept hope and waited patiently that a day will change everything and brings back mankind towards God. Man's sins were descended in the world. People were in the peak of their sins, no humanism was seen among one another, by witnessing all these filthy acts of man, god hoped that every human will come out of their sins and will love one another.

The other characteristic of Love is, it does not envy or boast. A person with envious character will never be happy in his life, because to the whole life they envy on others and do not know what is happening apart from that what they envy for. God with love on his heart did not envy on anything because his heart is full of love. He never irritated or hurt mankind instead gave everything that made human happy. As a loving God, he restricted man's evil ways and guided in a good path. Only a heart with love can do all these things, he showed a right path to make man's life, a better one.

Love bears all things, believes all things hope all things, and endures all things. Love never ends. As for prophecies, they will pass away; as for tongues, they will cease, as for knowledge, it will pass away so now faith, hope and love abide, these three but the greatest of these is love". (1 Cor: 13)

God's love bearded all what human done to him on the cross. As he loved us, he accepted all what was done to him. When he preached moral ways, few people did not accept, but hated his words and the law. They expected to let them free in this sinful world to do whatever they wish. He performed miracles and healed many people. He advised people to prepare themselves for eternal life by repenting their sins, even after knowing about the God, people sinned against him and crucified him on the cross. He was beaten brutally, they tortured him with the crown of throne in his head and he was nailed on the cross. When he asked for water they, gave him water which tasted bitterly. Accepting all what man did to him, he prayed to forgive to the ones who tortured him. His love bearded everything, trusted that one day or the other every sinner will change to his ways and be his children.

He also says everything will vanish from the world, the knowledge that was gained, the prophecies that are predicted, even the whole world will vanish but the love has no ends and it will live forevermore. Likewise, love of God on mankind also live forevermore. Comparing love, faith and hope, God says love is the greatest of all the three. Love brings anything and everything where's without love nothing can be brought. Always love is ultimate.

But I say, Love your enemies do good to those who hate you, bless those who curse you, pray for those who abuse you. If you love those who love you, what benefit is that to you? For even sinners love those who love them. And if you do good to those who do good to you, what benefit is that to you? For even sinners do the same. (Luke 6: 27-33.

Enemies must be loved according to the words of God. When peopled hated him, he loved them in return. He was cursed by many but he blessed them with all the riches. He was abused badly but he prayed for their betterment. He says loving the one who loves and doing good to the one who does good is of no use. It does not bring any benefits. Even a sinner will do back to those who love him. He expects his people to love the enemies as he loved them. He says love will do good to everyone. Love can change any person. Hatred for hatred will never teach anything and will change anything, but love changes everything and also it moulds human mind. It also helps in being a child of God.

Conclusion

Loving God is like obeying his words and commandment. He wants his children to walk in the way of love, as he walks. He says one who cannot love his own brother or family cannot love God, because his primary teaching is, love everyone. God expect not to love only him but he says if one cannot love his brother or family cannot love God. He questions, one who cannot love his brother who is born with him and who is visible to him, how will he love God who is invisible? He says first love one that is with you then love God. The greatest love that God talks about is the love that one has for his neighbour as one love themselves. When man starts loving his family and neighbours then that is the true love that he shows on God. This is his expectation from the mankind.

God wants every human to love others truly. When love rules, there is no space for murder, adultery, stealing and any negative thoughts. When this is followed, it is equal to fulfilling the commandment of God. He wished everyone should follow his commandment and to spread love to the humanity. When rules the world there will be nothing wrong in this world and it will be filled with happiness.