

This World He Made for Himself, to Be His Joy and His Glory.

by Andrew Murray

God's love is a profound and unending compassion that flows out to humanity, longing to save and bless us despite our sin and suffering.

Scripture: Genesis 1:31, Psalm 136:1, Isaiah 53:4-5, Matthew 11:28-30, John 3:16, Romans 5:8, Ephesians 2:4-5, 2 Peter 1:4, 1 John 3:1, 1 John 4:9-10

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Description

Andrew Murray emphasizes that God created the world for His own joy and glory, and the sin and suffering within it deeply grieve Him. Despite the pain caused by human free will, God's love is unwavering, demonstrated through the sacrifice of His Son, Jesus Christ. This profound love is beyond human understanding, yet it is available to all who seek to experience it. Murray encourages believers to open their hearts to God's compassion and to recognize their part in His divine nature. Ultimately, the sermon calls for a deeper connection with God's love and a commitment to share it with others.

Transcript

Then think of the loving God. This world he made for himself, to be his joy and his glory. Its sin is to him such a grief that he almost repented of having made it. The suffering and the wretchedness of his creatures are to him such a sorrow that there is nothing he can do, consistent with leaving to them the freewill and the power of self-determinatin with which he had endowed them as part of his own image, which he would not do. He proved it by giving his own son.

In a love which passeth knowledge, a love of which our conception is so utterly inadequate -- that we feel so satisfied with them -- his heart flows out in unceasing compassion an yearning to save and bless. On every one of these perishing millions the love of God is resting. The mind cannot take it in, but the Holy Spirit could enable the heart to know if we would give ourselves to wait on God for this love to fill us.

The love of God has proved itself in the gift of the Son, of himself. In sending Christ to become man God proved that he longed to have man one with himself, that all his life and love as God was for man, that man might be made partaker of the divine nature.

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