

Week of Meetings 07 7 Facets of Love

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The sermon explores the nature of the Father's love for the Son, the Son's love for the Father, and the Son's love for believers, highlighting the personal and individual nature of God's love.

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Scripture: Genesis 13:2, Genesis 15:9, Genesis 22:2, Genesis 24:35, Matthew 6:33, John 5:18, 1 John 5:18

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Description

In this sermon, the preacher emphasizes the deep love of Jesus and how it is the driving force behind everything. The love of Jesus is described as powerful and unchanging, always leading and guiding believers. The preacher highlights the love between the Father and the Son, explaining that the Father has given all that he has to the Son as an expression of his love. This same love is extended to believers, making them heirs and linking them to Jesus. The sermon encourages listeners to worship and adore God for his incredible love.

Transcript

I hope you're doing very well this morning. I hope you're still close to here. I know it's a lot to do this class today.

Enjoy having you all. Now, open your Bibles as John and the 17th chapter. We'll be looking at that wonderful love life during this passage.

We're going to continue along the same line this morning. Continue to be much in prayer to your private divinity for these readings, and especially today and tomorrow in the will of the Lord. Now, this morning, just after breakfast, dear Mr. Willie, read this picture from the calendar.

This is the picture you want here, August the 33rd, and I'm going to read it now. Some of you have already read it. Some of you have already got this calendar.

James, I have loved thee with an everlasting love. Therefore, with loving kindness have I drawn thee. Now, that's found in Jeremiah 31, verse number 3. All God's perplexions and procedures and modifications make of his love.

His omnipotence is the arm of his love. His omniscience is the medium through which he contemplates the object of his love. His wisdom is the scheme of his love.

The offers of the gospel are the invitation of his love. The incarnation of the Savior was the richest gift of his love. The signs of Christ were the bread of his love.

The cross of Christ was the greatest manifest taste of his love. And, therefore, the love divine, how sweet thou art, range like fine my lone heart all through the night. Your heart says, Amen.

Now, back with the reading this morning, I've seen the screen from my heart for you, as well as from my own heart. In John 17, the Great Intercessory Prayer, this really is the Lord's Prayer. Sometimes we hear the expression, Our Father which art in Heaven, and the Lord's Prayer.

Now, that is the prayer the Lord taught his disciples, but this really is the Lord's Prayer here in John 17. And, I want you to know this expression here in verse number one. These words speak Jesus, and lift up his eyes to Heaven and say, Father, the hour is come, glorify thy Son, and thy Son also may glorify thee.

The words are, or the words is, Father. Now, chapter 17 again, verse number 11. Now, I am no more in the well, but these are in the well, and I come to thee, Holy Father.

Holy Father, take through thy whole name those whom thou hast given me, that there may be one as we are. Now, verse 25. O Righteous Father, O Righteous Father, the world hath not known thee, but I have known thee, and these have known thee, as I have said.

Verse number one is an intimacy between the Father and the Son, and he doth simply say, Father. He comes down to verse number 11. It is concerning us, his own beloved people, and he says, Holy Father.

He has done it first, and he finds it concerning the world, and he says, O Righteous Father. Father, Holy Father, O Righteous Father. And, I want to talk this morning.

I wouldn't have time to finish it, but we'll start this morning on seven passages of love. Seven passages of love, and the first one is found in verse number 24 of this 17th chapter of John. Again, the Father says to him, the Lord says, Father, I will that thou hast given me.

Be with me where I am, that they may be of all my glory. By the way, that is the only time we ever hear of the Lord asking for his own will. The only time.

And, it's where we are concerned. It says, Father, I will that thee whom thou hast given be with me where I am, that they may be of all my glory. I'll give it then tomorrow morning, God willing, in the conference.

But, it says here, which thou hast given me, and notice this, for thou lovest me before the foundation of the world. This morning, I want to talk on the Father's love for the Son. The Father's love for the Son.

It says here, thou lovest me before the foundation of the world. Keeping that in mind, we go back to John chapter 1. I won't use the Bible this morning, because I understand some of you dear young people don't always get this. And so, if you're reading it while I'm repeating it, then surely you will get it.

Good idea? Amen. I see so many nodding their heads, so that's all right. Chapter 1, and verse number 1. It says here, remember, I'll say, thou lovest me before the foundation of the world.

Now, notice verse 1, chapter 1. In the beginning. Now, can you see how I'm explaining that one? See, remember Genesis 1, verse 1. It says, In the beginning God created the heaven and earth, the beginning of creation. But here, way back in the countless ages of ages, long before the world was, in the beginning

was the Word.

Now, that is eternity. Is eternity. And the Word was this God, and that is personality.

And then it says, And the Word was God, and that is eternity. There was never a time when He was not God. There was never a time when He was not God, and never will be God.

Then, He is God. I love it with all my heart. In the beginning was the Word.

Way back in the countless ages of the eternity. Then, Father, and the Word was this God, a binding on His personality. And the Word was God, nor is God.

The Word was God. Now, go down to verse number 14. I want you to read verse 14.

And the Word became flesh. Seeking rest in the Lord, which never made end of days, by His own deathly will, He became flesh. Now, this is His incarnation.

His incarnation. Because of His eternity, His personality, and of His deity. But now, this one is God.

The very God who wrecked Himself in human clay. He never laid His glory aside. He never ceased to be God.

This one veiled His glory, and He became flesh. And tabernacled among us. And God says, And we beheld His glory.

The glory of the only begotten of the Father, full of grace and truth. Not to be sent back in Christ, thou art the everlasting Word. The Father's only Son.

God manifested in the earth, and heaven filled with His blood. Wherefore, if ye hold them of God at arm, that every knee to thee they should bow. Reading that before you slip down to verse number 18.

No man has been God any time. Only begotten Son. And notice the presence changed here.

Which is in the bosom of the Father. He hath declared Him. He hath called Him up.

He hath manifested Him. He hath exegeted Him. They say, well, they came for this purpose.

To reveal. To manifest. To declare of the Father.

And the only way we can know the Father is through the Son. The only way. Now, it's a remarkable statement.

But I want to get that deep down in your heart. Because it's very vital. And it is indeed in which we are now living.

Remember this one is God, our very God. Rectum shall when humans pray. No wonder John Wesley could say so many years ago, as he meditated upon the birds and birds.

The great Creator contracted with man. Indescribably made man. Great is the mystery of God in us.

God manifests in flesh. We bow before Him this morning. We worship Him.

And we adore Him. You can't say praise is wonderful. Now, with that before you, we'll go back to Proverbs and the 8th chapter.

Proverbs chapter 8. Now, these are words we might repeat for you, but I'd like you to read them for yourselves. Because they are very, very important. Proverbs chapter 8. Remember, now, we're dealing with these words, "...thus loveth he before the foundation of the world." That's number 22.

"...the Lord would thank me in the beginning of His way, before His work to do. I was set up, remember that day, from the beginning, for ever therefore. When there was no deck, I was brought forth.

When there was no fountains abounding with water. Before the mountains were settled, before the hills was I brought forth. For as yet I, He had not made the earth nor the fields, nor the highest part of the dust of the world.

When He prepared the heavens, I was there. When He said, Conquers upon the Satan's deck. When He established the clouds above.

When He strengthened the fountains of the water of the deep. Then, when He gave His decree that the water should not have discrepancy. When He appointed the foundations of the earth.

Then I was by Him, as one brought up with Him. And I would feel His delight, rejoicing always before Him, rejoicing in the heavenly part of the earth. For my delight was of sons and heirs.

As far upon all His delight and holy thoughts, His son found His delight in you and in me. Oh, that was days. Now, back to Genesis, the thirteenth chapter.

Genesis, chapter thirteen. I bet you just noticed one or two verses here in the first book of the Bible. Genesis thirteen, and verse number two.

And, Abraham was very rich in taboo, in silver, and in gold. Now, notice, Abraham is a picture of God the Father. Isaac, a picture of God the Son.

The servant, a picture of God the Holy Spirit. And, it was said concerning the Father, Abraham was very rich in taboo, in silver, and in gold. Chapter twenty-two.

Twenty-second chapter, same book. And, verse number two. And, Jehovah said, Take thou thy son, thy only Isaac, whom thou lovest.

Now, that is the strongest word in the Hebrew language for love. He couldn't love him anymore. He loved every part of him.

Isaac was the apple of Abraham's heart, the treasure of his heart. Isaac put everything to Abraham, and the Holy Spirit said very clearly, Whom thou lovest. All the debts of that world which I'll never be able to cover.

Whom thou lovest. And, what does it say? And, get thee the land of Moriah, and offer him there for a burnt offering upon one of the mountains. I will tell thee all.

Yea, thank God. Abraham loved his Isaac with all his heart, but he loved his God more. He loved his God more.

Why I can predict that, I simply don't know. But, if you've got an Isaac in your life you'll really love him. You'll love him tenderly, love him deeply, even extend to God.

Abraham loved Isaac with all his heart, but he loved his God more. Isn't that precious? Now, chapter twenty-four. Verse thirty-five.

I wish to God I could think like the servant here in this chapter. The servant described Abraham and Isaac, and all belonged to them. The Lord was coming to Isaac.

He prayed to God, saying, I'm going to take a walk. I'll go with this man. He said, I will go.

Now, look at verse number thirty-five. And the Lord was great, my master great is. And he has become great, great.

And he has given him flocks, and heirs, and silver, and gold, and maidservants, and maidservants, and camels, and heifers. There are my master's wives. They responded to my master when she was old and not a good child.

And after he, Isaac, had he given all that he had, Isaac the third was the only little God. He was the third to add the firstborn. Now, remember, he had Ishmael, and Jacob his other son, and Joseph.

Yet, both Isaac and Joseph are referred as the firstborn. The term firstborn does not mean appointed time. It means an honor rank and dignity of position, and is without unique.

And they are the firstborn in honor of rank and dignity of position. And he said he gave all that he had to Isaac. Verse thirty-five, verse five.

And Abraham gave all that he had to whom? Isaac. Who is Isaac? He is heir. He is heir.

He is heir to all Abraham had. I like that, don't you? Now, what am I getting at? Go across straightaway to John, and the third chapter. John, chapter three, and verse number thirty-five.

John three, verse thirty-five. The Father loveth the Son, and hath given all things into his hand. Now, isn't that precious? The Father loveth the Son, and hath given all things into his hand.

Chapter thirteen, and verse number three. Chapter thirteen, and the third verse. Now, if you'll keep music, you'll have to hear the turning of these leads.

I like to rush to another lead, before it starts to rain. Verse three. Jesus, knowing that the Father had given all things into his hand, said, I know this.

You love me before the foundation of the world, but how do you prove his love for the Son? By giving all things into his hand. He is heir to all things. I love that, don't you? He is the apostle of God's glory, a fresh image of his person, holding all things above the root of his heart, that he is the heir to all.

And the wonder, wonder is this, that we, by God's grace, are linked up with him as drawn pairs. Aren't you glad you're a patient? Aren't you glad you're a child of God? Oh, I know it will be a hard morning. Just a moment.

We've been looking a little at the Father's love for the Son, and we're going to look a little at the Son's love for the Father. I'm going to give you an example of the Father's love for the Son. Thank you so much that I

gave you this.

I'll let you in on a little secret. I did it very nicely this morning. Something I should never have done.

I had a fried egg for breakfast. I forgot I was taking this in. And it always makes me sick.

So please don't take eggs if you're going to church. That may be a little sick. But, my children, it's self-presumption of the Father's love for the Son.

Now, he proves his love by giving all that he has to the Son, just if it is in connection with piety. But now, let's look for a moment at the Son's love for the Father. John 14, again, and verse number 31.

John 14, verse number 31. "...but that the world may know that I love the Father." And notice now, and as my Father gave me commandments, even so I do. We don't read very much about the Son's love for the Father.

We read far more of the Father's love for the Son than we do of the Son's love for the Father. But it says here, the Lord is speaking, "...that the world may know that I love the Father." And as the Father gave me commandments, even so I do. Now, how does he prove his love for the Father? For love is not real love unless it's practical.

Isn't that true? The Father manifests his love in a very practical way. All that he has is given to the Son. But now the question is, how are you going to prove your love for the Father? Go back to John 10, please, and verse number 18.

In fact, we'll read verse number 17. John 10, and verse number 17. "...therefore doth my Father love me." Why? "...because I lay down my life, I must take it again.

No man taketh it from me, but I lay it down on myself. I have fathered it down, I have fathered it again. This commandment have I received of my Father." How does he prove his love for the Father? You've got the answer, haven't you? By prompt forgiveness.

By prompt forgiveness. "...because I lay down my life." And it says here, "...I lay it down on myself." This authority, this power have I received of my Father. This commandment have I received of my Father.

And, remember, he fulfilled the very guilt, the commandment of the Father, and he proved his love for the Father in prompt forgiveness. Go back to John 5, for a moment, and verse number 30. John 5, and verse 30.

There's a link on the verse 17, just for a moment here, shall we? "...Jesus answered, saying, My Father would have said it to you, and I would." Now, down to verse number 30. "...I settled my own self to nothing." Absolute dependence upon the Father. "...I settled my self to nothing.

As I hear, I judge, and my judgment is judged, because I seek not my own will, but the will of him that sent me to achieve the Father, but the will of the Father who has sent me." Now, there you've got perfect obedience. First of all, absolute dependence upon the Father, and prompt and perfect obedience to the will of the Father. And, this is how the son proves his love for the Father.

Remember, it says in Philippians, chapter 2, this one is for eternal and equal with the Father in perfect power. "...How he built all that glory, came down from seven downward steps, and became obedient up

unto death, even the death of the cross." Now, I want to stress something here. He did not become obedient to death as an enemy.

Death is the enemy. Now, he was obedient to the Father's will which meant death, and he became obedient up unto death, even the cruel, despicable, gruesome death of the cross. He became obedient.

And, remember, now, in Hebrews, chapter 5, it says, "...he learned obedience by the faith which he suffered." I came not to do my own will, but the will of the Father, and to finish the work which he gave me to do. And, he said, Father, I glorify thee on earth, I finish the work which thou gavest me to do. And, here we prove the Father's love for the son in giving him all that he had, and the son proves his love for the Father in prompt obedience to the Father's will.

Father, bless me to do, and for me to perform. We never can prove the light of his love, and the fall on the altar we lay. For the joy he bestowed, and the favor he showed, and for those who trust and obey, and the son with the Father's love coming over his whole innermost being to respond in glad, and prompt, and purposeful obedience, they will have gone far.

You really know that about today. You must have it. We're going to look now at the son's love for you, and for me, as believers, on the Lord Jesus Christ.

Now, this is a very precious truth. I want you to reach your heart, and to warm your heart, slightly and softly, I say, to warm the cup over your head. That will take time, you see.

It means to just to warm the core of your heart toward the Lord himself. Let us go on to this, and verse number one. Now, before the feast of the Passover, when Jesus knew that his hour was come, that he should depart out of this world unto the Father, having loved his souls which were in the world, he loved them to their very uttermost.

He loved them right unto perfection. He loved them right unto Gethsemane's garden, and all its anguish, and all its agony. The only time you read of agony in the Bible is in Luke 22.

And he being in an agony is the most perfect, and it's where we are concerned. The one that we sing, Gethsemane, can I forget? Are there like comforts to thee? That agony and bloodlust let them not remember thee? And this same love they have got unto every fool for? And having loved, he loved right unto his uttermost. Here is the man, and love was never lasting.

It's name is the same as mine. I have loved you, but it never lasts in love. I have loved you, but it never lasts in love.

Amazium... I'm a preacher, I'm a missionary, I'm an elder, I'm a deacon. This thing is this, have you experienced it too? Is not there none of this? When my all-life ventured on Christ's womb in blood, the Holy Spirit entered, and I was born of God." Now, this is what it is. Aren't you glad you left? I know you are.

Third part, shall we? I want to acknowledge it, please. I cross at chapter 15 and verse 9. Chapter 15 and verse 9. "As the Father hath loved me,' and notice this, "'and gone in worship, so have I loved you.'" Now, let that number of your spirit lie. The very same love wherewith the Father loved the Son, is the love the Son loves you with this morning unloved neither.

This is bummers down in worship and adoration, as all others surrender his authority in our lives day by day. All this love may conquer in your heart and in my heart this morning. I'm repeating the verse.

"As the Father hath loved me, so have I loved you.' Continuity in my love." This is the extension of the Father's love for the Son. They're the same in quality and in measure. Isn't that right? They're very same in quality and in measure.

This is the extension of the Father's love for the Son. You see, I'm talking about the love-light. This love-light goes through the Son in your heart this morning in my heart.

It's the very same in measure and in quality. "So near, so very near, for nearer I cannot be.' For the very love wherewith the Father loved the Son, such is his love as for me." Now, I want you to notice something, and this is a personal love. It's an individual love.

He loves you personally. He loves you individually, and he that knows the worst about you is the one who loves you best of all. There's only one to love like this, and Jesus, in his name, is a wonderful name.

Way back in Exodus 21, it speaks there about the Hebrew servant. It says, "If he came in by himself and deliberately go out by himself, shall he say, I love my master, I love my wife, I love my children, I will not go out to eat?' If he has taken the door-hole, his ear was bore through with an awl. There is a mark of the text of servitude.

Him is endured, blood is shed because his love for the master, his love for the bride and his wife, his love for his children, for they are not the perfect servants, because his love for the Father, his love for the bride, the church, his love for his individual believers, I will not go out to eat involuntarily and unwillingly when all of this hell is caused." He's got a little party there this morning. Even his head, his hands, his feet. "Sorrow and love so mingle down.' I pass from earth to the ground, where the whole realm of nature and mind, that were unobtained, far too small.

Love so amazing, so divine, that has my heart, my life, my all. O, Mr. Dearest, answer! I'm glad, ready, willing to answer this love." He wants his love reciprocated. He wants his love responded to.

I'm sure your heart responded this morning, and I'm sure it will today. Individual love. I want to think something more here.

It may be a complete message to your heart, but mine too. If you go to chapter 11 of the same book, and I want you to go to verse number 3. "...therefore his sisters came unto him, saying, Lord, behold, he whom thou lovest is sick." He whom thou lovest is sick. Verse number 5. "...now Jesus loved Martha, and her sister Mary." And, love is an individual love.

It's a personal love. I didn't stand up to speak at a conference there the other week with John Phillips, when he was on the air. And I was going along the way, and I'm going now, and I actually can't understand why so many names rose from that great crowd that day.

But, if you look at an American history course there, sometimes people will say, "...with no right to sing hymns about Jesus loves me, this I know, or the Lord loves me." The Lord loves me. There's not a word in the Bible about the Lord loving me. I didn't know anything about what he was speaking about.

There's those dear men, their hearts would glow. The sisters would pass it up to me, by the way. But as their hearts glowed, they said, He loves me.

He loves me. You all remember, looked upon that dear ruler, and said, and you loved him. And you loved him.

Aren't you glad he loves you this morning? Aren't you glad he loves you? Aren't you glad he's everything to you? He loves me. Why does he love me? I simply don't know what he's thinking of. I love you.

And he proved his love. So follow. Count the birth number.

Thirty-one. Jews then were with her, in the house, and comforted her. When they saw Mary that she rose peacefully and went up, part of her saying, "...to go down to be raised to this day." Then when Mary was found where Jesus was, and saw him, she fell down on his feet.

And she was praying unto him, "...Lord, if thou hadst been here, my brother had not died." When she was there, she saw her weeping. And in truth, all the weeping which came with her, she groaned in the spirit, and was troubled. And I put three great exclamation marks behind these words, and was troubled.

This one, "...for whom wollows upon wollows are the heavens, for whom is every star on the earth that is made in his number, abiding all things by the word of his power, who giveth out very bread, and holdeth bread now in his own hand, that his role may be good." The word is like the snorting of a hawk. So in saying how deep was that suffering in the Holy Son of God, he groaned himself. Remember, our loving Lord was over Jerusalem.

He thought of what was about to happen. And it says, "...he cried and groaned." O Jerusalem, Jerusalem, how awful I have gathered thee at the hands of the ships in the wind! But ye were locked and groaned. He snorted.

We see him there weeping over a nation's sorrows. Here in our picture, we see him weeping over a family's sorrows. He was a child of God with a strong mind and spirit.

He lives over his own sorrows. No, I hate to qualify that. Not his own sorrows.

Your sorrows. My sorrows. But he lives them.

He's very poor. Isn't that amazing? He weeps over a family's sorrows. He weeps over a nation's sorrows.

He weeps over your sorrows. And my sorrows. He's a man of sorrows.

He's a crazy man of sorrows. I go down to his father, because he's very special. And, he said, he said, "...wherever thou wilt believe him, they say unto him, thou shalt not see." And the two sublime words of the little girl, Jesus, Jesus, can you imagine this? Can you imagine? Can you imagine, with your heart, and you feel invigorated, this dirty wet, the holy, sinless, heartless, son of God, if not a weeping you weep, the Lord wept.

He didn't weep. Paul wept. I wept.

Sometimes I can't even say to God. Over and over again. I often read in my own study, in my own bedroom, in my own car, and read that.

All I know is that there is a shortest verse in the Bible, but there really isn't, you know. The shortest verse in the Bible is 1 Thessalonians 5, verse 18, which says, regards to remorse. Oh, you say, Jim, wait a minute now.

There are more letters in regards to remorse than Jesus said. I said, I know that. But you know there are 16 letters in the Greek where Jesus read, and only 14 in regards to remorse.

But we'll just take this. We'll just take this, shall we? And they draw at him, Jesus, Jesus. Isn't that perfect? Have you ever known him experientially, reading the Eucharist, reading the Synod? And notice what the Jew says in the very next line.

Behold, he says, behold how he loves him, how he loves him, and this morning he loves you. He loves you, and he loves me. In the same way, in 2 Thessalonians number 20, the Son of God loved me and gave me to God.

May I ask you, my dear, have you thanked him all at last? Do you know that now, not just theoretically, not just doctrinally, not just spiritually, some of the things that are in progress, but do you know that it still ends in the Old Testament? He really loves you? He really loves you? I am the one to know tonight, God willing. Jesus, you must be fairly guided to each other. If you do not yet know that first love, and you want to know it, you want to talk to us about it, please don't go away.

Maybe some boy or girl, some older person here, and you never get to know this love in your own heart. He wants you to know this love. You ought to know the one who God was formed by, the Lord Jesus, coming into life, staying over in the life, being a private subject in the Lord's time, and all He gives upon me is His love life, each hundred years.

Number 33. Number 33. Thank you so much for your attention, and I touch God's blessed Word to your heart.

May God tonight speak of the Father's love for us tonight, the Father's love for you and for me. Amen. Amen.

In Number 33. Oh, the deep, deep love of Jesus doth a measure of calm and peace. Furling as a mighty urge in His fullness every day.

Underneath me, all around me, is the current of thy love. Leading onward, leading forward, to my glorious great love, thou hast a shining mountain of love, in which I will take hells. I see you on this line to finish with it, and just to hear that crowd sing, because it can't be much.

Eh? Come on. It's lovely. All right.

You must be all rushed. Isn't it amazing? Come on. A second verse would do so well, right? And our Lord and King, just as He was once, all His doors are open to you.

Oh, it's a lovely verse, isn't it? We'll read it. Everyone. Oh, the deep, deep love of Jesus, love of His love.

His restful resting is a haven for the deep, deep lovers, love is waiting.

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