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MARRIAGE PART 14 - THE LOVE OR RELATIONAL TEST

Part 14 is very much intertwined with Part 4, where we talked about the first condition of our covenant with God, which is 'to love Him with ALL our heart, soul, mind and strength'.

This message will test you to your very core and confront you on who you really love as your first and who has centre stage in your heart.

As we can know from God's eternal gospel, God is not only to have centre stage but we are to truly love Him and Him alone with our entire being. There is to be no other and not even anyone close to this central heart position of our inner most being.

Unfortunately for many, we believe and perceive that in doing functional external works for God i.e. attending Sunday services, being in a discipleship group, giving money, being nice to people, spending time in prayer, singing songs, sharing the gospel etc., etc., is the evidence that we love God with our entire being.

Our love for God is to be based on who He is and not what we do for Him, while the one who truly loves God, will express this love in a manifold way.

We can do all these things and not even know the love of God. It's no different to a job I might do for a company. Just because I fulfil my work requirements, doesn't mean I love the company I work for, my boss, or even what I do. I can even detest all that but still be found doing what I am supposed to do as an employee.

This can be our lives as a believer of Christ.

This is why God is about the core or root issues of our heart. God is always about the matters of the heart first before anything else. God goes to the hidden inner most being place. A place we may not even know exists and His Word comes to expose and expel what is there that has no right to be there, because that place has been created for Him.

Psalm 51:6 "Behold, You desire truth in the innermost being, and in the hidden part You will make me know wisdom."

This is David's heart cry on behalf of God. We have to ask ourselves who is truth and who is wisdom, because God desires Truth to be in the innermost being place and it's God who will make us know Wisdom in this hidden part.

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In this marriage covenant that we are in who is Truth and who is Wisdom?

Who is Truth - is it right and wrong, good and bad. Is it a principle, a rule or guideline?

Who is Wisdom - is it informational knowledge which we have learnt?

Jesus Christ, Lord of Lord and King of Kings, who is Love and the embodiment of love, is to reside and take up residency in the hidden inner most being place of our hearts. Jesus alone is to be at our inner core, our root system, so we are fully capable of loving God with our entire being and keeping the Commandment of love.

So when the Word of God turns up in power and starts to test the true condition of our hidden inner most being place, we will all be confronted with who genuinely lives there.

Luke 14:26 "If anyone comes to Me, and does not hate his own father and mother and wife and children and brothers and sisters, yes, and even his own life, he cannot be My disciple."

This verse would have to be one of the most confronting verses in the entire eternal Gospel, and these words are the words of Jesus Himself, which are words of spirit and life.

Right here Jesus is addressing a spiritual lordship issue which coincides with a spiritual adultery issue, as well as a spiritual idolatry issue, to expose who in fact is at the centre of our heart. Notice Jesus isn't addressing what we do, but who we love more than Him.

Matthew 10:37 "He who loves father or mother more than Me is not worthy of Me; and he who loves son or daughter more than Me is not worthy of Me."

Important Note: we must know that Jesus doesn't do this to shame us, condemn us, punish us or make us feel guilty. Jesus does this to FREE US from US, so we can truly know and experience what it really is to have Him, Love, the Lord, at the core of our heart, which is the epicentre of an abundant life.

This is why we are taught in Proverbs 4:23 to...

"Watch over your heart with all diligence, for from it flow the springs of life."

God's desire and chosen reality for us is that we are able to pass this love test. He has given us everything pertaining to life and godliness when He gave us His Son Jesus, so we have everything in Jesus we need to pass this love test.

1 Corinthians 8:3 "but if anyone loves God, he is known by Him."

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In other words, God knows those who love Him the way He has commanded to be loved. It really is as simple as that. I pray that this is us as His followers.

QUESTIONS

1. Why does the Father want Truth in our inner most being place?
2. Why is it God which makes us know wisdom in the hidden part?
3. Why is hating others the pre-requisite for being His disciple?
4. How does loving others more than God get in the way of our relationship with God and make us unworthy?
5. Why is it imperative we guard our hearts?

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