



THE GREATEST TEST PART 2 - WHOM DO WE LOVE?

In part 2 of The Greatest Test, we are going to look at “whom do we love?”

Genesis 22:2 “He said, “Take now your son, your only son, whom you love, Isaac, and go to the land of Moriah, and offer him there as a burnt offering on one of the mountains of which I will tell you.””

Right here we are witnessing the ultimate test for Abraham and for all of humanity. This is not just an Abraham test, but this is the ultimate test for every follower of Christ. The test of... “whom do you love the most?”

Everything and I mean literally everything hinges on this macro test. The life we come into and the inheritance we can experience and receive now, is all defined by the overcoming of this test, and yet there is a twist to this. Things are not quite as they first appear.

It's the twist which makes this test the ultimate test for every follower to overcome.

Does he love God the most and will he obey His command, or does he love his one and only son the most, and fail to keep God’s command, due to his love for his son Isaac?

Is Abraham going to sacrifice his one and only son, the promised child he has waited so long for, whom he loves and adores, as a demonstration of his love for the Father?

We know the scriptures say where your treasure is there the heart is also. Whom is Abraham's true treasure? Is it God, is it Isaac or is it someone else?

You see, this test wasn’t about whether Abraham loved God more than Isaac or Isaac more than God. This test was about whether Abraham loved himself more than he loved God and Isaac. This was the ultimate test on whether Abraham was still in the bondage of self, causing him to be a lover of the spirit of self.

Every one of us is born with this demonic fleshly nature called iniquity and it is from this



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nature that we chose to love ourselves over God and others. This is why Luke 14 says we must hate even our own lives if we want to be a disciple of Jesus.

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.”

We must despise this nature of self, desiring it to be crucified in us, allowing God to put it to death through the power of the spirit, so we are no longer lovers of self.

Romans 8:13 “for if you are living according to the flesh, you must die; but if by the Spirit you are putting to death the deeds of the body, you will live.”

This puts an entirely different spin on this message, and it is this message which God wants to use, to reveal to us our true state of heart before Him. The reason for this, is so we too can turn from this wickedness, allowing Him to do deep surgery within us, freeing us from us, so we can truly love God with all our heart, soul, mind and strength.

God does not share His glory with another and He commands us to love Him with all we are. He tells us we are not worthy of Him if in fact we love ourselves and others more than Him.

Matthew 10:34-37 ““Do not think that I came to bring peace on the earth; I did not come to bring peace, but a sword. For I came to set a man against his father, and a daughter against her mother, and a daughter-in-law against her mother-in-law; and a man’s enemies will be the members of his household. “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.”

Jesus came to discover who truly loves His Father and Himself as their number one heart position. There are no grey areas here, hence He lets us know, that this test of who we love and whom we hold as number one in our hearts, will be highly contested for by humanity.



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This test will cause our own natural family members to come against us, as we put the Father and Son ahead of them all and prioritise this relationship above all other relationships. Its not about 99% of our heart, but all of our entire being - body, soul, and spirit.

This raises the question of “whom do we truly love?” and “how do we know whom we truly love?”

It's easy to say, “yes, I love God with all my heart”, but what do our lives actually demonstrate as to whom we truly love.

If we recorded you living over a period of 3-6 months, what would your life communicate to all who watched it about whom you truly loved?

Where would you have spent the majority of your time and on whom?

What or who would have occupied the majority of your thinking?

Where and on whom would you have spent your finances?

Where would you have put your energy, effort, abilities and giftings into over this period?

Whom would you be found serving and doing the majority of your things for?

What would you be eating and drinking as nourishment for you body, soul, and spirit?

We also have to acknowledge and be fully aware of the fact that being busy for God and doing things for God, isn't the evidence we love God. We can do all these things and be completely in love with, and serving, ourselves in what we do for Him.

The proof that we love God with all we are, is in our ability to love as He loves. Through abiding in the vine, the eternal fruit of the Spirit is being formed and built within us and we are enabled to love as we are loved.

1 John 2:3 “By this we know that we have come to know Him, if we keep His commandments.”

The ability to love God and humanity the way the Father commands is the evidence that



we are in God and know Him. Our ability to love is the sole evidence, if we are unable to love as He loves we prove that we don't truly know Him.

1 John 2:4 "The one who says, "I have come to know Him," and does not keep His commandments, is a liar, and the truth is not in him;"

As we know Abraham overcame this test and demonstrated his love for the Father, by faith. The question I want to leave us with is: Whom do you truly love the most?

QUESTIONS

1. Why is this test, the Marco test, out of all tests?
2. Why is whom we love the most essential in our journey and relationship with God?
3. What is the life we can know and live from if God is number one in our hearts?
4. What are the consequences to our journey and relationship with the Father if He doesn't hold this number one position of love in our hearts?
5. What is the next step you need to initiate in relation to the question above?

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