

God Cares and Loves You 2 - Part 1

by Joshua Daniel

God's love is selfless and enduring, and it is demonstrated through the cross of Jesus Christ and the parable of the lost sheep.

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Description

This sermon by Joshua Daniel focuses on the transformative power of encountering Jesus Christ, leading to deliverance from sin and restoration in broken lives. It delves into the concept of love, highlighting the enduring nature of true love as described in the Bible, contrasting it with the superficiality of modern relationships. The message emphasizes the depth of God's love for each individual, using the parable of the lost sheep to illustrate the lengths to which God goes to seek and save the lost.

Transcript

Welcome to the Lord's Challenge with Joshua Daniel. The Layman's Evangelical Fellowship International is a ministry reaching people from all walks of life since 1935. After a life-changing encounter with Jesus Christ at the age of 16, Joshua Daniel has been declaring the marvelous deliverance from sin, which is freely given to all those who turn to the loving Savior.

From small villages to large cities, in many parts of the globe, through revival meetings, literature, radio, internet, and television, Joshua Daniel has been tirelessly laboring, trusting God to supply all that is needed. Wherever this message has gone out, broken relationships have been restored, sickness healed, ill-gotten money returned, and thieves turn into givers. We now invite you to watch and receive the invaluable blessing that God has for you.

Well, I am a father, and I see in my children those qualities which are not at all qualities that I can be proud of. But who gave them some of those qualities? I. They're a part of me, my old nature. Although over the years, at the cross of Jesus, I have found release from that ugly side, that negative side of my makeup.

Yet, I sowed some horrible seeds. And as to where those horrible seeds of my old nature will lead any of my children is a dreadful thing to ponder, except for the cross. There would be no refuge, no remedy, no redemption, no restoration.

So, here is the Lord Jesus Christ saying, even a sparrow, which five of them you can buy for two farthings, yet your heavenly Father knows and does not forget them. My, to think of that. Can God zero in upon you and me in that fashion? And how it must hurt him to see our indifference.

You know, when you love, and that love is not requited, and or when that love is purned, it must really hurt. I think we do live in a very loveless world, where all that people are asking is, when it comes to marriage, they want a sex toy. How long do you play with a toy anyway? You don't play very long with a toy, but that's all you ask for.

And that we call is modern glamour and modern life. What is it worth? Nothing. There isn't any love in it.

Love endures. Love suffereth long, and is kind, says the Bible. Love envies not.

I recall how shocked I was when one of the finest gentlemen, British gentleman, who became a very good friend of mine when I was a young fellow, and he said to me, my fiancée is sailing over from Africa, and we are to get married. But with great sorrow, he said to me, I am envious of her. I can't figure that, I couldn't figure that out.

How could you be envious of a person who is going to be your spouse? How can you be envious of somebody whom you are going to promise to love until death do us part? My dear friend, I couldn't figure that out. I should have asked him really, but I was just too shocked. Because with great agony, he told me this.

He didn't tell me that playfully. With much agony, he said. Oh, he was saying, my nature, I've been a hypocrite.

And moreover, he said to me, Joe, what more have you seen in me? Tell me. Don't spare me. Rub it in.

I want to know the truth. Well, my dear friends, but when we look at human nature, that means our nature, and we see the selfishness there. Love suffereth long and is cut.

Love never faileth. My, categorically, no. There's nothing hypothetical about it.

A categorical no. Love never faileth. What a marvelous thing this is.

Yes. The love of the cross, when it is brought to bear upon you and me. My dear friends, we fall to wondering, why should God love a wretch like me? What is this love? And how ill I have requited this love, all these years.

Yes. We have to come to ourselves at some point, you know. We have to face home truths.

There's no getting away from home truths. However much we dislike them, but these are home truths. Now, in the 15th chapter of Luke, you see this love in action.

Fourth verse, please. What manner for you, having a hundred sheep, if he lose one of them, does not leave the ninety and nine in the wilderness, and go after that which is lost, until he find it? And when he has found it, he layeth it on his shoulders, rejoicing. And when he cometh home, he calleth together his friends and neighbors, saying unto them, Rejoice with me, for I have found my sheep, which was lost.

I have found him, and I thought he was just lost, lost. You know, my dear friends, when I saw the piles of baggage, luggage,

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