

LOVING GOD

If you ask most Christians, they would say they love God. The real question is, how do they know they love God? The truth is that many don't understand the true indication that they love Him. The "feeling" of God in the midst of praise and worship or crying over the things He has done for them is not a true test. Jesus addressed this in John 14:

John 14:15

"If you love Me, you will keep My commandments."

What a shock to some - the measure of your love for Him is your obedience. Also, we are commanded to love Him with our entire being. Not just with an outward, rote following, but with a submitted attitude of the heart.

Matthew 22:37

"And He said to him, 'You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart, and with all your soul, and with all your mind.'"

We walk in covenant (covenant love) when we are obedient to him, which is also an indicator of our salvation:

1 John 3:24

"And the one who keeps His commandments abides in Him, and He in him. And we know by this that He abides in us, by the Spirit whom He has given us."

James 1:12

"Blessed is a man who perseveres under trial; for once he has been approved, he will receive the crown of life, which {the Lord} has promised to those who love Him."

Therefore, for those who so prove their love for Him, walking in covenant with Him, they can expect Him to work on their behalf, especially when things get tough. He will protect, He will provide, He will get them through and bring to pass all that's been prophesied to come, much like Abraham in Genesis 22.

Romans 8:28

"And we know that God causes all things to work together for good to those who love God, to those who are called according to {His} purpose"

Genesis 22:16-17

*"and said, 'By Myself I have sworn, declares the LORD, because you have done this thing, and have not withheld your son, your only son,
indeed I will greatly bless you, and I will greatly multiply your seed as the stars of the heavens, and as the sand which is on the seashore; and your seed shall possess the gate of their enemies.'"*