

## The Importance of Worship: Tell the Lord Jesus Why You Love Him

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\*\*\*I love Him because He saved us from hell...

That's often how people begin to love the Lord Jesus...

They realize that they were destined to spend eternity in hell, and then they worship the Lord Jesus because they realize that He gives us the opportunity to go to heaven instead of going to hell...

### Isaiah 53:3-12

He is despised and [d]rejected by men,  
A Man of [e]sorrows and acquainted with [f]grief.  
And we hid, as it were, *our* faces from Him;  
He was despised, and we did not esteem Him.

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Surely He has borne our [g]griefs  
And carried our [h]sorrows;  
Yet we [i]esteemed Him stricken,  
[j]Smitten by God, and afflicted.

5

But He *was* wounded[k] for our transgressions,  
*He was* [l]bruised for our iniquities;  
The chastisement for our peace *was* upon Him,  
And by His stripes[m] we are healed.

6

All we like sheep have gone astray;  
We have turned, every one, to his own way;  
And the Lord [n]has laid on Him the iniquity of us all.

7

He was oppressed and He was afflicted,  
Yet He opened not His mouth;  
He was led as a lamb to the slaughter,  
And as a sheep before its shearers is silent,  
So He opened not His mouth.

8

He was taken from [o]prison and from judgment,  
And who will declare His generation?  
For He was cut off from the land of the living;  
For the transgressions of My people He was stricken.

**9**

And [p]they made His grave with the wicked—  
But with the rich at His death,  
Because He had done no violence,  
Nor *was any* deceit in His mouth.

**10**

Yet it pleased the Lord to [q]bruise Him;  
He has put *Him* to grief.  
When You make His soul an offering for sin,  
He shall see *His* seed, He shall prolong *His* days,  
And the pleasure of the Lord shall prosper in His hand.

**11**

[r]He shall see the labor of His soul, *and* be satisfied.  
By His knowledge My righteous Servant shall justify many,  
For He shall bear their iniquities.

**12**

Therefore I will divide Him a portion with the great,  
And He shall divide the [s]spoil with the strong,  
Because He poured out His soul unto death,  
And He was numbered with the transgressors,  
And He bore the sin of many,  
And made intercession for the transgressors.

\*\*\*I love the Lord Jesus because He has saved me from many evil things in this earthy life...

Once people realize that they are on their way to heaven, then we also love the Lord Jesus more and more as He delivers us out of earthly problems, including bad habits and both seen and unseen dangers...

### **Psalm 116:1-14**

I love the Lord, because He has heard  
My voice *and* my supplications.

**2**

Because He has inclined His ear to me,  
Therefore I will call *upon Him* as long as I live.

**3**

The [a]pains of death surrounded me,  
And the [b]pangs of Sheol [c]laid hold of me;  
I found trouble and sorrow.

**4**

Then I called upon the name of the Lord:  
“O Lord, I implore You, deliver my soul!”

**5**

Gracious *is* the Lord, and righteous;  
Yes, our God *is* merciful.

**6**

The Lord preserves the simple;  
I was brought low, and He saved me.

**7**

Return to your rest, O my soul,  
For the Lord has dealt bountifully with you.

**8**

For You have delivered my soul from death,  
My eyes from tears,  
*And* my feet from falling.

**9**

I will walk before the Lord  
In the land of the living.

**10**

I believed, therefore I spoke,  
“I am greatly afflicted.”

**11**

I said in my haste,  
“All men *are* liars.”

**12**

What shall I render to the Lord  
*For* all His benefits toward me?

**13**

I will take up the cup of salvation,  
And call upon the name of the Lord.

**14**

I will pay my vows to the Lord  
Now in the presence of all His people.

**Psalm 40:1-8**

I waited patiently for the Lord;  
And He inclined to me,  
And heard my cry.

**2**

He also brought me up out of a horrible pit,  
Out of the miry clay,  
And set my feet upon a rock,  
*And* established my steps.

**3**

He has put a new song in my mouth—  
Praise to our God;  
Many will see *it* and fear,  
And will trust in the Lord.

**4**

Blessed *is* that man who makes the Lord his trust,  
And does not respect the proud, nor such as turn aside to lies.

**5**

Many, O Lord my God, *are* Your wonderful works  
*Which* You have done;  
And Your thoughts toward us  
Cannot be recounted to You in order;  
*If* I would declare and speak *of them*,  
They are more than can be numbered.

**6**

Sacrifice and offering You did not desire;  
My ears You have opened.  
Burnt offering and sin offering You did not require.

**7**

Then I said, “Behold, I come;  
In the scroll of the book *it is* written of me.

**8**

I delight to do Your will, O my God,  
And Your law *is* within my heart.”

\*\*\*He gives the strength to live right.

After walking with the Lord Jesus for a time, we find out that we also love Him  
because we cannot keep living right without His help...

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**ohn 15:1-8**

“I am the true vine, and My Father is the vinedresser. **2** Every branch in Me that does not bear fruit He [a]takes away; and every *branch* that bears fruit He prunes, that it may bear more fruit. **3** You are already clean because of the word which I have spoken to you. **4** Abide in Me, and I in you. As the branch cannot bear fruit of itself, unless it abides in the vine, neither can you, unless you abide in Me. **5** “I am the vine, you *are* the branches. He who abides in Me, and I in him, bears much fruit; for without Me you can do nothing. **6** If anyone does not abide in Me, he is cast out as a branch and is withered; and they gather them and throw *them* into the fire, and they are burned. **7** If you abide in Me, and My words abide in you, you[b] will ask what you desire, and it shall be done for you. **8** By this My Father is glorified, that you bear much fruit; so you will be My disciples.

### **Hebrews 11:2**

Now faith is the [a]substance of things hoped for, the [b]evidence of things not seen. **2** For by it the elders obtained a *good* testimony.

### **1 Corinthians 10:12-13**

**12** Therefore let him who thinks he stands take heed lest he fall. **13** No temptation has overtaken you except such as is common to man; but God *is* faithful, who will not allow you to be tempted beyond what you are able, but with the temptation will also make the way of escape, that you may be able to [d]bear *it*.

He Himself is our way of escape.

### **Proverbs 18:10**

The name of the Lord *is* a strong tower;  
The righteous run to it and are [e]safe.

### **Acts 4:8-12**

**8** Then Peter, filled with the Holy Spirit, said to them, “Rulers of the people and elders of Israel: **9** If we this day are judged for a good deed *done* to a helpless man, by what means he has been made well, **10** let it be known to you all, and to all the people of Israel, that by the name of Jesus Christ of Nazareth, whom you crucified, whom God raised from the dead, by Him this man stands here before you whole. **11** This is the ‘stone which was rejected by you builders, which has become the chief cornerstone.’ **12** Nor is there salvation in any other, for there is no other name under heaven given among men by which we must be saved.”

\*\*\*I love the Lord Jesus because He is a god who wants to be close to us...

His ultimate goal is just to spend time with us forever.

There is a song by Mercy Me that I just heard on the radio...

It was about how when we get frustrated with this life, we should remember that we're on our way to heaven to spend eternity with the Lord Jesus...

### **Revelation 21:1-8**

**21** Now I saw a new heaven and a new earth, for the first heaven and the first earth had passed away. Also there was no more sea. **2** Then I, [a]John, saw the holy city, New Jerusalem, coming down out of heaven from God, prepared as a bride adorned for her husband. **3** And I heard a loud voice from heaven saying, "Behold, the tabernacle of God *is* with men, and He will dwell with them, and they shall be His people. God Himself will be with them *and be* their God. **4** And God will wipe away every tear from their eyes; there shall be no more death, nor sorrow, nor crying. There shall be no more pain, for the former things have passed away."

**5** Then He who sat on the throne said, "Behold, I make all things new." And He said [b]to me, "Write, for these words are true and faithful."

**6** And He said to me, "It[c] is done! I am the Alpha and the Omega, the Beginning and the End. I will give of the fountain of the water of life freely to him who thirsts. **7** He who overcomes [d]shall inherit all things, and I will be his God and he shall be My son. **8** But the cowardly, [e]unbelieving, abominable, murderers, sexually immoral, sorcerers, idolaters, and all liars shall have their part in the lake which burns with fire and brimstone, which is the second death."

He also shows us that He wants to be close to us by giving us His Word.

Since the Lord Jesus Himself is the Word and specifically the Verb of God, when we learn about the Bible and apply what It says to our lives, we are also getting to know the Lord Jesus better.

### **John 1:1,14**

**1** In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God.

**14** And the Word became flesh and dwelt among us, and we beheld His glory, the glory as of the only begotten of the Father, full of grace and truth.

The Lord Jesus also shows us that He wants to be close to us by knowing us in detail. He sends the Holy Spirit to live in us...

### **John 16:5-15**

**5** “But now I go away to Him who sent Me, and none of you asks Me, ‘Where are You going?’ **6** But because I have said these things to you, sorrow has filled your heart. **7** Nevertheless I tell you the truth. It is to your advantage that I go away; for if I do not go away, the Helper will not come to you; but if I depart, I will send Him to you. **8** And when He has come, He will convict the world of sin, and of righteousness, and of judgment: **9** of sin, because they do not believe in Me; **10** of righteousness, because I go to My Father and you see Me no more; **11** of judgment, because the ruler of this world is judged.

**12** “I still have many things to say to you, but you cannot bear *them* now. **13** However, when He, the Spirit of truth, has come, He will guide you into all truth; for He will not speak on His own *authority*, but whatever He hears He will speak; and He will tell you things to come. **14** He will glorify Me, for He will take of what is Mine and declare *it* to you. **15** All things that the Father has are Mine. Therefore I said that He [c]will take of Mine and declare *it* to you.

\*\*\*There are so many reasons why I love the Lord Jesus.

As we walk more and more with the Lord Jesus, we realize that He has the best personality.

For example, He is kind and gentle...

### **Matthew 12:19-21**

He will not quarrel nor cry out,  
Nor will anyone hear His voice in the streets.

**20**

A bruised reed He will not break,  
And smoking flax He will not quench,  
Till He sends forth justice to victory;

**21**

And in His name Gentiles will trust.”

### **Matthew 11:28-30**

**28** Come to Me, all *you* who labor and are heavy laden, and I will give you rest. **29** Take My yoke upon you and learn from Me, for I am [f]gentle and lowly in

heart, and you will find rest for your souls. **30** For My yoke *is* easy and My burden is light.”