

4-Aug-2022_Doing His Command to love

(Jesus said:) He sent them (that means you go in order to obey)

.. to preach the good news (whatever Jesus wants you to tell people)

..and to heal (to actively bring health) the sick (to those who can't help themselves and who need healing.)

Who needs healing? Those who are too weak to march on strong. Anyone who is infirmed in some way and thus are unable to serve the Lord like a good soldier, are those that the strong are to help and raise up.

Who are you helping to activate, so they can do mighty things for their Lord and Redeemer, rather than just sit smugly and think of their own selves?

Are you allowing others to help you also, when you are feeling down and unwell?

You do need each other, just as much as a body needs the other members who are attached to it.

Can you give a little so that others can have just what they need to stir them to full life again and power on, eventually, on their own steam, using their own connection to Heaven?

It takes work to help each other stay fully on line and connected to the power source. It's not all fun and games, and takes real effort—that is actually putting it into your day's schedule. But if it's what you are to do, then you plan to include it in what you do; not just wishful thinking that you might some time do it.

Real disciples actively do, as daily as is possible, whatever their Lord says for them to do.

Caring for the brotherhood of real believers is a command given.

Here are some examples:

DEU.11:1 Therefore **thou shalt love** the LORD thy God, and keep his charge, and his statutes, and his judgments, and his commandments, always.

What did He command:

LEV.19:18 Thou shalt not avenge, nor bear any grudge against the children of thy people, but **thou shalt love** thy neighbour as thyself: I am the LORD.

JOH.15:17 These things I command you, that ye love one another.

JOH.13:34 A new commandment I give unto you, That ye love one another; as I have loved you, that ye also love one another.

JOH.13:35 By this shall all men know that ye are my disciples, if ye have love one to another.

JOH.15:12 This is my commandment, That ye love one another, as I have loved you.

How far are we to go in loving the brethren?—to the death.

JOH.15:13 Greater love hath no man than this, that a man lay down his life for his friends.

Both old and new testaments of the Bible tell us that the theme and message of it all is to love God and His people, or those He wants to belong to Him and just need a bit of love to pull them in:

MAT.22:37 Jesus said unto him, **Thou shalt love** the Lord thy God with all thy heart, and with all thy soul, and with all thy mind.

MAT.22:38 This is the first and great commandment.

MAT.22:39 And the second is like unto it, **Thou shalt love** thy neighbour as thyself.

MAT.22:40 On these two commandments hang all the law and the prophets.

GAL.5:14 For all the law is fulfilled in one word, even in this; Thou shalt love thy neighbour as thyself.

Love our brethren, and neighbour, and strangers too, people living among you, but of different nationality:

LEV.19:33 And if a stranger sojourn with thee in your land, ye shall not vex him.

LEV.19:34 But the stranger that dwelleth with you shall be unto you as one born among you, and **thou shalt love** him as thyself; for ye were strangers in the land of Egypt: I am the LORD your God.

Love is what preserves life:

LUK.10:27 And he answering said, **Thou shalt love** the Lord thy God with all thy heart, and with all thy soul, and with all thy strength, and with all thy mind; and thy neighbour as thyself.

LUK.10:28 And he said unto him, Thou hast answered right: this do, and thou shalt live.

Doing the commandment to love, preserves our “house”, our family: (as it said “do, and thou shalt live”)

MAT.7:24 Therefore whosoever heareth these sayings of mine, and doeth them, I will liken him unto a wise man, which built his house upon a rock:

MAT.7:25 And the rain descended, and the floods came, and the winds blew, and beat upon that house; and it fell not: for it was founded upon a rock.

The purpose of loving God was to multiply His people, and have more in His family—and preserve souls of His saints:

DEU.30:16 In that I command thee this day to **love the LORD** thy God, to walk in his ways, and to keep his commandments and his statutes and his judgments, that thou mayest live and multiply: and the LORD thy God shall bless thee in the land whither thou goest to possess it.

PSA.97:10 Ye that **love the LORD**, hate evil: he preserveth the souls of his saints; he delivereth them out of the hand of the wicked.