

Mk12v30-31

YOU SHALL LOVE THE LORD YOUR GOD WITH ALL
YOUR HEART WITH ALL YOUR SOUL WITH ALL YOUR
STRENGTH - AND THEN JESUS ADDED AND YOU
SHALL LOVE YOUR NEIGHBOUR AS YOURSELF. HE
WAS QUOTING Deut6v1-6

GOD ASKS THIS OF US BECAUSE THIS IS HOW GOD
LOVES US

- HE LOVES ME WITH ALL HIS HEART
- HE LOVES ME WITH ALL HIS SOUL
- HE LOVES ME WITH ALL HIS STRENGTH

HE DEMONSTRATED THAT THROU
THE MAN JESUS CHRIST

HE IS THE **PATTERN SON** ON WHICH AS THE CHIEF CORNERSTONE
WE BUILD FROM, WE MEASURE FROM AND ALIGN TOO....

JESUS THE PATTERN SON

Joh 17:22 And the glory which You gave Me I have given them, that they may be one just as We are one:

Rom 8:29&30 For whom He foreknew, He also predestined to be conformed to the image of His Son, (made and shaped to the pattern) that He might be the firstborn among many brethren. :30 Moreover whom He predestined, these He also called; whom He called, these He also justified; and whom He justified, these He also glorified.

This Christ who even on the Cross demonstrated a love towards
His father in His obedience and a place in His Heart to FORGIVE
those who placed Him there - which is all of us!

Therefore my cross that I carry daily is not just to
crucify my flesh but position me to FORGIVE THEM
FOR THEY KNOW NOT WHAT THEY DO!

THE CROSS IS THE GREATEST DEMONSTRATION OF
LOVE

AS IT EXPOSES THE HEART TO PAIN

Luke 15v11-32 READ

The prodigal son prodigal - (loose riotous)

Picture of a wayward rebellious son who thought he knew better— bringing shame to his father by demanding his portion before his fathers death.... Wasted it went broke and the world spat him out and now coming to his senses he realised where he was better off.....

The Father accepting a wayward son; it was the father who saw him afar off; It was the father who came running to him

It was the father who fell on his neck and loved on him -It was the father who restored & re-positioned him

It was the father who dressed him gave him a ring and shoes - Let me become a servant - lit means “AS A SERVANT PLEASE”

- FATHER PREPARED TO TAKE A RISK WITH HIM BECAUSE HE BELIEVED IN HIM
- BUT HE GAVE HIM BEST ROBE - RIGHT STANDING REMOVED WHAT WAS DIRTY AND WEIGHTY (my righteousness like filthy rags Isa64v6))
- GAVE HIM A RING;- carries the seal of IDENTITY
- NEW SHOES A SERVANT NEVER HAD SHOES IN CASE HE RAN AWAY – father equipped him with a word

The older son who remained with his father, he was too busy being a “Son” that he wasn’t a brother.

He didn’t see his brothers return as something to celebrate
BUT ANGRY, RESENTFUL, BITTER HAUGHTY SEEING HIMSELF
BETTER THAN THE OTHER

**HE WANTED SONSHIP WITHOUT RESTORED RELATIONSHIP WITH
HIS BROTHER**

YOU CAN’T BE BLESSED AND BITTER AT THE SAME TIME

Luk 4:18 "THE SPIRIT OF THE LORD IS UPON ME, BECAUSE HE HAS ANOINTED ME TO PREACH THE GOSPEL TO THE POOR; HE HAS SENT ME TO HEAL THE BROKENHEARTED, TO PROCLAIM LIBERTY TO THE CAPTIVES AND RECOVERY OF SIGHT TO THE BLIND, TO SET AT LIBERTY THOSE WHO ARE OPPRESSED.

Luk 4:19 TO PROCLAIM THE ACCEPTABLE YEAR OF THE LORD."

Luk 4:20 **Then He closed the book**, and gave it back to the attendant and sat down. And the eyes of all who were in the synagogue were fixed on Him.

Luk 4:21 And He began to say to them, "Today this Scripture is fulfilled in your hearing."

Jesus never spoke of "THE DAY OF VENGEANCE" **JESUS CLOSED THE BOOK AT THAT POINT ON VENGEANCE.**

SOME OF US NEED TO CLOSE THE BOOK AT THAT POINT... JESUS'S GOSPEL NOT OF VENGEANCE THAT'S THE FATHERS PLACE NOT OURS (Rom12v19)

Isa 61:1 "The Spirit of the Lord GOD is upon Me, Because the LORD has anointed Me To preach good tidings to the poor; He has sent Me to heal the brokenhearted, To proclaim liberty to the captives, And the opening of the prison to those who are bound;

Isa 61:2 To proclaim the acceptable year of the LORD, **And the day of vengeance of our God**; To comfort all who mourn,

If we have anything against our brother it keeps us dis-empowered in the Spirit; it robs of vision and causes my soul to wander; but we are called to children of the light.

1Jn2v8-10 “he who hates (detests hateful or is love-less towards) his brother is in darkness” “he who loves his brother is in the light”

1Jn_2:9 He who says he is in the light, and hates his brother, is in darkness until now.

1Jn_2:11 But he who hates his brother is in darkness and walks in darkness, and does not know where he is going, because the darkness has blinded his eyes.

1Jn_3:15 Whoever hates his brother is a murderer, and you know that no murderer has eternal life abiding in him.

1Jn_4:20 If someone says, "I love God," and hates his brother, he is a liar; for he who does not love his brother whom he has seen, how can he love God whom he has not seen?

FATHERS ARMS ARE OPEN TO REVEAL THE LIGHT OF
HIS LOVE HIS GRACE HIS MERCY HIS FORGIVENESS ARE MINE?

LUKE 4V18-21—ISA 61V1&2

THE OLDER SON HEARD MUSIC AND DANCING - IT GOT HIS
ATTENTION BUT HE WOULDN'T JOIN IN CELEBRATING - BUT
CAUGHT UP IN HIS OWN SELF RIGHTEOUSNESS

THE HEIR WHO HAD NOTHING, HAD MORE JOY THAN THE HEIR TO
EVERYTHING. AND BITTERNESS & UNFORGIVENESS WILL ROB YOU
OF JOY - THE YOUNGER LEARNED IT WASN'T STUFF THAT BROUGHT
JOY BUT BEING IN THE PLACE OF THE LOVE OF THE FATHER

LETS PICK OUR CROSS AND FOLLOW HIM – GOD NEVER ASKED ME
TO CARRY A STICK BUT A CROSS