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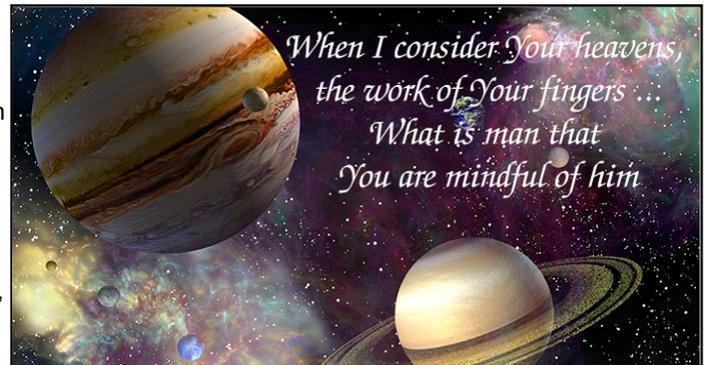
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**NOTE: We invite you to download our newly created "Promise Card" which is stored under Scriptures for Framing. We hope it will bless you.**

## Special Announcement

This last month, in May of 2020, we saw two more great leaders of the faith go home to their reward. Ravi Zacharias (74), born in India, was a great apologist for the faith. His intellect and reasoning could disarm the greatest antagonist. David Pawson (90), born in England, was a great teacher of the Bible. It is such men that teach and inspire us and we are thankful for their lives. While we sorrow for ourselves as we are left without them, we rejoice with them. They have well run and finished their race. Dear brothers, enter into the joy of your Lord.



## Did You Learn to Love

I am sure we have all heard the story about Saint Peter and how he supposedly stands at the gates of heaven and asks everyone why they should be let in. I am also sure you know it is just a myth promoted because Jesus spoke of him and the keys of the kingdom. I can only imagine, but if Peter ever greeted anyone, I think he would only ask one question. "Did you learn to love?"

The Bible is our tutor to teach us right from wrong - to help us learn God's ways and prepare us for fellowship with Him. But it is not just a rule book of actions. It is an instructor in righteousness. Righteousness does not come from do's and don'ts. It comes from will's and want's and they originate from the heart.

When Jesus was asked about the most important commandment, he made it very simple for us when he said, "You must love the Lord your God with all your heart, all your soul, all your mind, and all your strength." Then he added, "The second is equally important: Love your neighbor as yourself. No other commandment is greater than these" (Mark 12:30-31). Love is an emotion. That simplifies for us the whole message of the Bible.

The Apostle Paul tries to teach us about love in 1 Corinthians 13. It is not just actions that reveal we love. It is not just faith or knowledge and understanding. It goes much deeper into the core of one's being. He then proceeds to reveal how love does and doesn't act. But these actions alone are still not enough. The actions must come from the heart and not just the mind. They are guided by the mind but must be ruled by the heart. It goes back to the will's and want's and not the do's and don'ts. If isn't done from the heart, it profits nothing.

Our founder, Paula Rayburn, spent her life learning to love. No one was ever too dirty or poor to share the love of her Lord to them with a warm embrace. There were none too educated or too mentally challenged that did not need Jesus and she was His ready witness to them. It was her heart's desire to see people set free from the torments that the enemy would put upon them. Her ministry was that of a deliverance minister. Her heart was full of love to see each person free to know the love of Christ. If you

wish, you may view her deathbed exhortation to love here. [Paula's Departure Video](#). I don't think she would mind sharing with the world if it helps even one soul. I think she made it with them in mind.

We are as babes before our Lord. Just learning to grow up like our Father. Learning to love and forgive as our heavenly has loved and forgiven us. Learning to partake in that divine nature that is His. Growing up into mature sons of God. That is what He is wanting for each of us. To become the example that our Lord Jesus set for us.

God loves us so much. Just think of all His magnificent creations: galaxies full of stars and planets; various creatures, including those unknown here that are set before His throne; sights and sounds beyond our human comprehension; those glorious angelic heavenly creations that stand in constant awe and worship of His glory. Worship of Him, their creator. There are all these things and more.

Then there is, I believe, His favorite - man created in His own image - created to have a special fellowship with Him. And when His favorite fell from grace, God was still so desirous of him that He formed a plan of redemption that fellowship might be restored. He would go and teach us as babes what was needed for that restored fellowship. Being a loving Father, the Holy Spirit would help us to learn and grow up into His fullness. And by the way, He would pay the full price that was needed for that restoration. He would shed His own blood and suffer rejection and humiliation from His own. All this for those who were willing to accept His redemption. He desires us that much. But He wants mature sons. We are reborn spiritual as babes but babes are born to grow to maturity.

How does man begin to comprehend such a God? Surely only by the grace of the Holy Spirit. Our deepest desire is to know Him in His fullness and His desire is to reveal Himself to us. The Bible says that one day we shall know even as we have been known. I think that shall be when we have loved even as we have been loved.

Will we ever achieve that here in this life. Probably not, but the growing and learning we do in this life can be joy unspeakable. "Brethren, I do not count myself to have apprehended; but one thing I do, forgetting those things which are behind and reaching forward to those things which are ahead, I press toward the goal for the prize of the upward call of God in Christ Jesus." Phil. 3:13-14.

Have you learned to love?

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