

The Word For The Weak

— Weekly Newsletter —

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"For when I am weak, then I am strong."

2 Corinthians 12:7-10

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THE WEEK OF: 18-24 February — In The Acceptable Year of **Christ Jesus Our King** 2024 A.D.

THE WORD IS: "LOVE"

SAYING THESE THINGS:

This is the **First Love** recorded in Scripture.

("... you have left your first love ...")

Genesis 22:1-2

1 Now it came to pass after these things that God tested Abraham, and said to him, "Abraham!" And he said, "Here I am." **2** Then He said, "Take now your son, your only son Isaac, whom you love, and go to the land of Moriah, and offer him there as a burnt offering on one of the mountains of which I shall tell you."

This is the **Second Love** recorded in Scripture.

Genesis 27:1-4

1 Now it came to pass, when Isaac was old and his eyes were so dim that he could not see, that he called Esau his older son and said to him, "My son." And he answered him, "Here I am." **2** Then he said, "Behold now, I am old. I do not know the day of my death. **3** Now therefore, please take your weapons, your quiver and your bow, and go out to the field and hunt game for me. **4** And make me savory food, such as I love, and bring it to me that I may eat, that my soul may bless you before I die."

This is the **Third Love** recorded in Scripture.

Genesis 29:20

20 So Jacob served seven years for Rachel, and they seemed only a few days to him because of the love he had for her.

Here is the **First Love** recorded in The New Testament.

Matthew 5:43-48

43 "You have heard that it was said, You shall love your neighbor and hate your enemy.' **44** But I say to you, love your enemies, bless those who curse you, do good to those who hate you, and pray for those who spitefully use you and persecute you, **45** that you may be sons of your Father in heaven; for He makes His sun rise on the evil and on the good, and sends rain on the just and on the unjust. **46** For if you love those who love you, what reward have you? Do not even the tax collectors do the same? **47** And if you greet your brethren only, what do you do more than others? Do not even the tax collectors do so? **48** Therefore you shall be perfect, just as your Father in heaven is perfect.

Here is the **Second Love** recorded in The New Testament.

Matthew 6:5-13

5 "And when you pray, you shall not be like the hypocrites. For they love to pray standing in the synagogues and on the corners of the streets, that they may be seen by men. Assuredly, I say to you, they have their reward. **6** But you, when you pray, go into your room, and when you have shut your door, pray to your Father who is in the secret place; and your Father who sees in secret will reward you openly. **7**

And when you pray, do not use vain repetitions as the heathen do. For they think that they will be heard for their many words.

8 "Therefore do not be like them. For your Father knows the things you have need of before you ask Him.
9 In this manner, therefore, pray:

Our Father in heaven,
 Hallowed be Your name.
10 Your kingdom come.
 Your will be done
 On earth as it is in heaven.
11 Give us this day our daily bread.
12 And forgive us our debts,
 As we forgive our debtors.
13 And do not lead us into temptation,
 But deliver us from the evil one.
 For Yours is the kingdom and the power and the glory forever.
 Amen.

Here is the **Third Love** recorded in The New Testament.

Matthew 6:24

24 "No one can serve two masters; for either he will hate the one and love the other, or else he will be loyal to the one and despise the other. You cannot serve God and mammon.

Here we see a Greater Love.

John 15:13

13 Greater love has no one than this, than to lay down one's life for his friends.

And now we see the Greatest Love.

Matthew 22:34

34 But when the Pharisees heard that He had silenced the Sadducees, they gathered together. **35** Then one of them, a lawyer, asked Him a question, testing Him, and saying, **36** "Teacher, which is the great commandment in the law?" **37** Jesus said to him, "'You shall love the LORD your God with all your heart, with all your soul, and with all your mind.' **38** This is the first and great commandment. **39** And the second is like it: You shall love your neighbor as yourself.' **40** On these two commandments hang all the Law and the Prophets."

Here, we discover that Love is still the greatest.

1 Corinthians 13:13

13 And now abide faith, hope, love, these three;
 but the greatest of these is love.

And here, we find out WHY Love is the greatest.

1 John 4:8b

8 ... for God
 is love.

Is there anyone or anything greater than the God Who is Love?

Hebrews 6:13

13 For when God made a promise to Abraham,
because He could swear by no one greater,
He swore by Himself, ...

Amen.

P. S. Regarding the previous Newsletter [#2024-07](#), in one of my testimonial Letters I document how I see in real time the actual application of Hope. Please see [Letter 390](#) for this account.

May our Father grant us His Light to Know, Live, and Love His Word.

Amen.

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— 'GREATER IS HE THAT IS IN YOU' —