



Show Us the Father

Message by Andrew Kulasingham, 3rd March, 2019

Scripture Reading:

Matthew 6:9 **In this manner, therefore, pray: Our Father in heaven...**

The beginning and end of all prayer – an understanding of the father heart of God

John 14:8 - **Philip said to Him, “Lord, show us the Father, and it is sufficient for us.”**

Jesus’ response – “He who has seen Me has seen the Father.”

Then Jesus goes on to say to them –

John 14:12 – **“Greater works than these he will do, because I go to My Father.”**

John 14:13 - **And whatever you ask in My name, that I will do, that the Father may be glorified in the Son.**

Having a right understanding of God as Father is key to an effective prayer life.

James 1:17 (NKJV) **Every good gift and every perfect gift is from above, and comes down from the Father of lights, with whom there is no variation or shadow of turning.**

(Message translation) **Every desirable and beneficial gift comes out of heaven. The gifts are rivers of light cascading down from the Father of Light. There is nothing deceitful in God, nothing two-faced, nothing fickle.**

In a world full of pain and sorrow:

- it is hard to distinguish good from bad.
- overwhelmed by suffering – we can miss the truth that God is good and his love is like “rivers of light cascading down on us”

God is only good, always good – Never evil. God is good all the time.

NOT ONLY KNOW GOD’S IS GOOD BUT EXPERIENCE HIS LOVE.

The importance of experiencing God’s love

Romans 8:37

Yet in all these things we are more than conquerors through Him who loved us.

What are the “all these things” Paul speaks of?

Romans 8:35-36 speaks of - tribulation, distress, persecution, famine, nakedness, peril, sword.

Paul was no stranger to suffering –

2 Corinthians 11:23-28 ...- in prison multiple times, whipped forty lashes five times, beaten with rods, stoned once, faced death again and again, three times shipwrecked, spent a whole night and day adrift at sea.

He faced dangers from rivers and robbers, Jews and Gentiles, in cities, in deserts, on the seas, from those who claim to be believers but weren't.

He was hungry, thirsty, often having gone without food, shivered in the cold, without enough clothing to keep warm.

In all these things we are more than conquerors – HOW? – through Him who loved us.

You go under that cascading love of God – no matter what the circumstances are – you stay under His love.

Through God's love you become “more than conquerors.”

What about courage? Yes, that will help – but even if fear overwhelms, stay under His love.

What about patience? Yes that will surely help – but even when driven by the urge to give up, stay under His love – that cascading, bucketing, downpour of the unfailing, relentless love of God – it is through His love we become “more than conquerors.”

The importance of experiencing the love of God is that when trials and tribulations come our way, it is through his love we overcome – and become more than conquerors.

As we embark on this new series – SEE GOD AS FATHER:

- The beginning and end of all prayer is an understanding of THE FATHER HEART OF GOD.
- Having a right understanding of God as Father is KEY TO AN EFFECTIVE PRAYER LIFE.
- Knowing and understanding that GOD IS ONLY GOOD, ALWAYS GOOD. GOD IS GOOD ALL THE TIME.
- The importance of experiencing the love of God is that when trials and tribulations come our way, it is through his love we overcome – becoming more than conquerors.