

Your Paradise Father loves you with an unending love that transcends what our minds can comprehend currently on our lowly 3rd density level. However, our comprehension of His love does not really matter. Does it? All we need to know by faith is what His Son/our Jesus has taught us. ~ Marin

The world's definition of love.

The world's definition of love: noun: A strong feeling of affection and concern toward another person, as that arising from kinship or close friendship or sexual attraction OR devotion or adoration toward God or a god.

160:5.11 Just now, our focalized [to understand] concept of the Father, as held in our hearts, is that God is spirit; as conveyed to our fellows, that God is love. ~ Rodan of Alexandria, a contemporary of Philo

2:5.10 But the love of God is an intelligent and farseeing parental affection.

God is REALITY = spiritual reality. This is deeper than mere physical/s.

Love is an emotion and a feeling that we enjoy. God is the one who created and gifted us with this emotion. God IS love and His spiritual reality is deeper and much more "real" than anything we could create in our lives on our own. He sees our worth/value and our potential if we will only allow Him to lead us in this spiritual realm = REALITY in actuality. Do we really understand this?

130:1.5 In answering this question, Jesus said: "My brother, God is love; therefore he must be good, and his goodness is so great and real that it cannot contain the small and unreal things of evil. God is so positively good that there is absolutely no place in him for negative evil. ~ Jesus

Healing

Regarding healing: Bad things happen to us and those things did not come from God as punishment. YOU and I are personality, spirit and intellect. Our bodies are our machines that "house" who we are. YOU are not merely your body! People may choose of their own free will choices to hurt us, to do harm to us as acts of error or evil. However, God does not. Your hurts [past, present or future] are for your indwelling Father to HEAL. And He does this from the inside out with His powerful love.

134:4.1 The brotherhood of men is founded [comes first] on the fatherhood of God. The family of God is derived [a result] from the love of God — God is love. God the Father divinely loves his children, all of them.

Tribal unity vs. spiritual unity in God's love.

Often times we desire to believe that somehow we can all come together in "love" and find unity in our humanity with this emotion of love. However, Jesus is saying something different to us here. He is teaching us that when a human pursues a personal relationship/spiritual experience with God that this man/woman/child becomes "more" than they were before. This personal relationship with God is what brings humans together with HIS LOVE that is actually binding indeed. Our sonship with God is the foundation for this spiritual brotherhood/sisterhood of all humans. [Please read again the passage with this new understanding]

137:8.17 John came preaching repentance to prepare you for the kingdom; now have I come proclaiming faith, the gift of God, as the price of entrance into the kingdom of heaven. If you would but believe [faith] that my Father loves you with an infinite love, then you are in the kingdom of God. ~ Jesus

Paul vs. Jesus

Note: Paul [in the New Testament] meant well but he did not teach what Jesus is teaching here. Paul taught that "faith without works [proof] is dead" and Jesus did not. Jesus teaches us that faith [needing no proof] is ALL that is required for your entrance into the kingdom of heaven.

Jesus' NEW REALITY that He wants us to take hold of today and with faith [no proof] is the doorway into experiencing His kingdom in this spiritual realm which then BECOMES YOUR PROOF by personal spiritual experience.

As a little child with a loving parent only needs to savor the love and security of their son-ship with this loving parent, all we need to do is to come to our indwelling Father and KNOW HIM. He waits for us to desire His presence. If we are patient and loyal to this promise to be found by God, He will do it. Again, He is waiting.

149:6.2 "My children, I am not surprised that you ask such questions. In the beginning it was only through fear [regret, bloodshed] that man could learn reverence [awe, respect], but I have come to reveal the Father's love so that you will be attracted [to approach] to the worship of the Eternal by the drawing of a son's affectionate recognition [seen as true] and reciprocation [back and forth exchange] of the Father's profound [intense far-reaching insight] and perfect love. I would deliver you from the bondage of driving yourselves through slavish fear to the irksome [tiresome, tedious] service of a jealous [bitter, fear of losing position] and wrathful [rage-filled] King-God. I would instruct you in the Father-son relationship of God and man so that you may be joyfully led into that sublime and supernal [celestial higher source] free worship of a loving, just, and merciful Father-God." ~ Jesus

We would respectfully ask you to consider in this moment if you are truly experiencing a reciprocation – a back and forth exchange – with your indwelling Paradise Father fragment? Do you ask for Him to come nearer to you? Does He then reveal Himself to you – and then a reciprocal flow of communication [as He leads you] ensues? This is what Jesus means for us to experience with God.

149:6.4 Intelligent children do not fear their father in order that they may receive good gifts from his hand [materialism]; but having already received the abundance of good things bestowed by the dictates of the father's affection [spiritual reality] for his sons and daughters, these much loved children are led to love their father [a Person] in responsive recognition and appreciation of such munificent beneficence. The goodness of God leads to repentance [desire to become better]; the beneficence of God leads to service [to become like Him]; the mercy of God leads to salvation [spiritual REALITY]; while the love of God leads to intelligent and free heart-ed worship. ~ Jesus

What is it that you truly want from God? He knows your answer even before you speak it in your mind. If you want to know your loving Father then He knows this about you and will respond. If you merely wish to have better material things from His hand this will preclude His ability to draw nearer to you. All of these various mental poisons of fear and materialism create hindrances for God. But if you can master yourself in child-like faith then becoming more like Him will be your experienced gift from His very hand to you as His beloved child.

157:4.5 Jesus, still standing, then said to the twelve: "You are my chosen ambassadors, but I know that, in the circumstances, you could not entertain this belief as a result of mere human knowledge. This is a revelation [immediate spiritual knowledge] of the spirit of my Father to your inmost souls. And when, therefore, you make this confession by the insight of the spirit of my Father which dwells within you, I am led to declare that upon this foundation [the cause] will I build the brotherhood [the effect] of the kingdom of heaven. Upon this rock of spiritual reality will I build the living temple [YOU] of spiritual fellowship [comprised of many individuals] in the eternal realities of my Father's kingdom. All the forces of evil and the hosts of sin shall not prevail [THEY SHALL FAIL] against this human fraternity of the divine spirit.

Revelation in the spiritual sense is immediate spiritual knowledge just like our reading of our Urantia Book provides immediate knowledge. When God is attained within our souls/minds He causes immediate personal spiritual insight to be born. You are His living temple. We then have the opportunity to become His living spiritual organism moving in love for His kingdom on earth. In this we find divine success as no forces of evil or hosts of sin can defeat this community of God.

Questions to consider and share as a group:

- 1) How is love different from God AS love?
- 2) What difference does the recognition that "we are not our bodies" make in our emotional living day to day?
- 3) How is "unity in our humanity" different from spiritual brotherhood founded upon our son-ship with our Father?
- 4) Do you sincerely believe that God can be known as a Person? Why?
- 5) What is it that you truly want from God?

Please give to your leader any questions that you have so that we may address them in future meetings.

Now, is a good time for you all to pray **The Lord's Prayer** together to formally close the meeting.

Please hand back in The Lord's Prayer sheet to save on ink and paper.

Next week we discuss **True Religion: Sonship** in Week #3