

The Love for the Father

(is not a love of man, self, or the world)

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Mark 8:31-38

31 And He began to teach them, that the Son of man must suffer many things, and be rejected of the elders, and of the chief priests, and scribes, and be killed, and after three days rise again.

32 And He spake that saying openly. And Peter took Him, and began to rebuke Him.

33 But when He had turned about and looked on His disciples, He rebuked Peter, saying, "Get thee behind Me, Satan: for thou savourest not the things that be of God, but the things that be of men."

34 ¶ And when He had called the people unto Him with His disciples also, He said unto them, "Whosoever will come after Me, let Him deny himself, and take up his cross, and follow Me."

35 "For whosoever will save his life shall lose it; but whosoever shall lose his life for My sake and the gospel's, the same shall save it."

36 "For what shall it profit a man, if he shall gain the whole world, and lose his own soul?"

37 "Or what shall a man give in exchange for his soul?"

38 "Whosoever therefore shall be ashamed of Me and of My words in this adulterous and sinful generation; of him also shall the Son of man be ashamed, when He cometh in the glory of His Father with the holy angels."

Peter was rebuked by the Lord for his humanistic (man-centered, worldly) view, for not having the things of the Father in mind. (Note-taker's note: just a few verses before in both Mark 8 and Matt 16, Peter *did* have the Father's view (Mark 8:29-30; Matt 16:16-18)).

We must deny ourselves-- we are no longer our own, but God's.

Peter was against the will of God, by not setting his mind on the things of God (the will of God), but rather on people, man.

John 12:44-50

44 ¶ Jesus cried and said, "He that believeth on me, believeth not on me, but on him that sent me."

45 "And he that seeth me seeth him that sent me."

46 "I am come a light into the world, that whosoever believeth on me should not abide in darkness."

47 "And if any man hear my words, and believe not, I judge him not: for I came not to judge the world, but to save the world."

48 "He that rejecteth me, and receiveth not my words, hath one that judgeth him: the word that I have spoken, the same shall judge him in the last day."

49 "For I have not spoken of myself; but the Father which sent me, he gave me a commandment, what I should say, and what I should speak."

50 "And I know that his commandment is life everlasting: whatsoever I speak therefore, even as the Father said unto me, so I speak."

Jesus was on the earth by the will of the Father, and spoke only those things the Father gave Him to speak.

--people hear this and know that Jesus is following the will of the Father, with His whole life. It seems people hear this now, and don't think this also applies to us. We should also do the will of the Father- in everything that we do. People say, I give God my 10%, I go to church, but yet they haven't really given God their whole life, they don't belong to God, they are divided in their affections.

Acts 4:18-21

18 And they called them, and commanded them not to speak at all nor teach in the name of Jesus.

19 But Peter and John answered and said unto them, Whether it be right in the sight of God to hearken unto you more than unto God, judge ye.

20 For we cannot but speak the things which we have seen and heard.

21 So when they had further threatened them, they let them go, finding nothing how they might punish them, because of the people: for all men glorified God for that which was done.

The apostles spoke only that which they heard from the Father, by the Holy Ghost.

Acts 5:40-42

40 And to him they agreed: and when they had called the apostles, and beaten them, they commanded that they should not speak in the name of Jesus, and let them go.

41 ¶ And they departed from the presence of the council, rejoicing that they were counted worthy to suffer shame for his name.

42 And daily in the temple, and in every house, they ceased not to teach and preach Jesus Christ.

After they (the apostles) were arrested and then released.

The apostles were told not to preach Jesus. But they said they would obey God over man, and would keep preaching. They were beaten and released. They rejoiced that they were counted worthy to suffer shame for His Name. They asked earlier for boldness and confidence to speak as they ought-- and they did

Acts 7:54-60

54 ¶When they heard these things, they were cut to the heart, and they gnashed on him with their teeth.

55 But he, being full of the Holy Ghost, looked up stedfastly into heaven, and saw the glory of God, and Jesus standing on the right hand of God,

56 And said, Behold, I see the heavens opened, and the Son of man standing on the right hand of God.

57 Then they cried out with a loud voice, and stopped their ears, and ran upon him with one accord,

58 And cast him out of the city, and stoned him: and the witnesses laid down their clothes at a young man's feet, whose name was Saul.

59 And they stoned Stephen, calling upon God, and saying, Lord Jesus, receive my spirit.

60 And he kneeled down, and cried with a loud voice, Lord, lay not this sin to their charge. And when he had said this, he fell asleep.

It starts out that the people made up a fake story about him. Stephen did a long summarizing speech and at the last part, he (by the Holy Ghost) rebuked them, speaking with boldness and confidence about what the Lord had given him to say. The Apostles understood the concept that we are here to do the will of God, not do our own thing. It also says that Stephen said, please don't lay this at their charge. It has to do with this attitude, that this is the will of God, that I belong to God and God holds me.

To do the will of God, and want to do the will of God, we have to love God, not the world.

John 12:42-43

42 ¶Nevertheless among the chief rulers also many believed on him; but because of the Pharisees they did not confess him, lest they should be put out of the synagoge:
43 For they loved the praise of men more than the praise of God.

The pharisees were humanists, loving the praise of men more than the praise of God

1John 2:15-17

15 Love not the world, neither the things that are in the world. If any man love the world, the love of the Father is not in him.

16 For all that is in the world, the lust of the flesh, and the lust of the eyes, and the pride of life, is not of the Father, but is of the world.

17 And the world passeth away, and the lust thereof: but he that doeth the will of God abideth for ever.

We must not hold a love for this world or the things that are in the world, we must love the Lord Jesus Christ- else the love of the father is not in us.