

DO YOU LOVE ME?

Introduction:

1. Why Would I Love God?

A) He is Beautiful

> The Psalmist writes, “The heavens declare the glory of God, the firmament shows His handiwork.” (Psalm 19:1)

> Did you ever stop to think that God is beautiful? (Psalm 29:2)

God’s holiness, even when just reflected in His creation, is beautiful and makes Him loveable

B) His Attributes make Him loveable

> Consider the words of the psalmist who loved God (Psalm 18:1-6)

> Consider this expression of love for God’s intimate care (Psalm 116:1-5)

C) He Loves Us (1 John 4:19)

> Not only did He love us first, but He loved us when we were most unloveable (Romans 5:8)

In the beauty of His holiness God determined to love the unholy for His glory

And the price was the life and death of His own Son (1 John 4:9-10)

D) God commands us to love Him (Matt 22:37-39)

> This aspect of loving God reveals that to love is an act of the will

If you think that it this is an overbearing demand by God, consider these words of Jesus (Matt 5:43-45)

> To not love God with all of our being is SIN

2. Why Wouldn’t I Love God

A) Rebellion

> This is the heart of sin – our desire for the autonomy to love ourselves most of all

Mankind wants God to love us and bless us without having to love Him – rebellion

B) Ignorance

> You can “act” in love toward someone you don’t know but the “attitude” of the heart is shaped by and through relationship

> You won’t love God if you don’t know God

C) Idolatry

> If I love any thing or any person more than I love God – idolatry, I cannot love Him (1 John 2:15)

3. Trustworthy Indicators that We Love God

A) You have a strong desire to know Him more

> Moses had an incredible relationship with God

> Moses knew God in a unique way, and yet he wanted to know Him more (Ex 33:18-21)

B) If you love God then you will want to be with Him

> Listen to the heart of the psalmist (Ps 84:1-2)

> Listen to the heart of the Apostle Paul – “For me to live is Christ, to die is GAIN”

C) If you love God you will want to obey Him

> Not only are you going to love Him because He commands it, it is your delight (1 John 5:3)

D) If you love God, you want to please Him

> By giving Him gifts (Romans 12:1; 2 Corinthians 9:7; Matthew 25:34-40)

E) If you love God, you will hate evil (Psalm 97:10)

> How many times do we choose to be entertained by sin

> The more we love the Lord the more we will hate evil

On behalf of the God who created the heavens and the earth, the God who loved you so much that He sent His only Son to secure your redemption I ask you a simple yet profound question

“Do you love Him?”