

Scriptures for Prayer Meeting June 1, 2021 – Those Who Love God

Exodus 20:1-6 Then God spoke all these words: I am the LORD your God, who brought you out of the land of Egypt, out of the house of slavery; you shall have no other gods before me. You shall not make for yourself an idol, whether in the form of anything that is in heaven above, or that is on the earth beneath, or that is in the water under the earth. You shall not bow down to them or worship them; for I the LORD your God am a jealous God, punishing children for the iniquity of parents, to the third and the fourth generation of those who reject me, but *showing steadfast love to the thousandth generation of those who love me and keep my commandments.*

Mark 12:28-34 One of the scribes came near and heard them disputing with one another, and seeing that he answered them well, he asked him, “Which commandment is the first of all?” Jesus answered, “The first is, ‘Hear, O Israel: The Lord our God, the Lord is one; *you shall love the Lord your God with all your heart, and with all your soul, and with all your mind, and with all your strength.*’ The second is this, ‘You shall love your neighbor as yourself.’ There is no other commandment greater than these.” Then the scribe said to him, “You are right, Teacher; you have truly said that ‘he is one, and besides him there is no other’; and ‘to love him with all the heart, and with all the understanding, and with all the strength,’ and ‘to love one's neighbor as oneself,’-- this is much more important than all whole burnt offerings and sacrifices.” When Jesus saw that he answered wisely, he said to him, “You are not far from the kingdom of God.”

1 Corinthians 2:9-10 As it is written, “What no eye has seen, nor ear heard, nor the human heart conceived, *what God has prepared for those who love him*” - these things God has revealed to us through the Spirit.

Romans 8:28 We know that *all things work together for good for those who love God*, who are called according to his purpose.

Katharine Drexel: “Oh, Lord, grant that we may love you the way you deserve to be loved.”

How can we possibly love God the way God deserves to be loved? We can do so through the Spirit of Christ. Christ loves the Father through the Spirit dwelling in us:

Galatians 4:6 Because you are children, God has sent the Spirit of his Son into our hearts, crying, “Abba! Father!”

Romans 5:1-5 Therefore, since we are justified by faith, we have peace with God through our Lord Jesus Christ, through whom we have obtained access to this grace in which we stand; and we boast in our hope of sharing the glory of God. And not only that, but we also boast in our sufferings, knowing that suffering produces endurance, and endurance produces character, and character produces hope, and hope does not disappoint us, because *God's love has been poured into our hearts through the Holy Spirit that has been given to us.*

We love God by worshiping God.

Matthew 4:8-10 Again, the devil took him to a very high mountain and showed him all the kingdoms of the world and their splendor; and he said to him, “All these I will give you, if you

will fall down and worship me.” Jesus said to him, “Away with you, Satan! for it is written, *‘Worship the Lord your God, and serve only him.’*”

Revelation 19:9-10 And the angel said to me, “Write this: Blessed are those who are invited to the marriage supper of the Lamb.” And he said to me, “These are true words of God.” Then I fell down at his feet to worship him, but he said to me, “You must not do that! I am a fellow servant with you and your comrades who hold the testimony of Jesus. *Worship God!*”

Revelation 22:8-9 I, John, am the one who heard and saw these things. And when I heard and saw them, I fell down to worship at the feet of the angel who showed them to me; but he said to me, “You must not do that! I am a fellow servant with you and your comrades the prophets, and with those who keep the words of this book. *Worship God!*”

We worship God by proclaiming that Jesus is Lord. Jesus is the Commander of God’s army.

Joshua 5:13 - 6:1 Once when Joshua was by Jericho, he looked up and saw a man standing before him with a drawn sword in his hand. Joshua went to him and said to him, “Are you one of us, or one of our adversaries?” He replied, “Neither; but as commander of the army of the LORD I have now come.” And *Joshua fell on his face to the earth and worshiped*, and he said to him, “What do you command your servant, my lord?” The commander of the army of the LORD said to Joshua, “Remove the sandals from your feet, for the place where you stand is holy.” And Joshua did so.

Revelation 19:11-16 Then I saw heaven opened, and there was a white horse! Its rider is called Faithful and True, and in righteousness he judges and makes war. His eyes are like a flame of fire, and on his head are many diadems; and he has a name inscribed that no one knows but himself. He is clothed in a robe dipped in blood, and his name is called The Word of God. And the armies of heaven, wearing fine linen, white and pure, were following him on white horses. From his mouth comes a sharp sword with which to strike down the nations, and he will rule them with a rod of iron; he will tread the wine press of the fury of the wrath of God the Almighty. On his robe and on his thigh he has a name inscribed, *“King of kings and Lord of lords.”*

Revelation 1:16-18 In his right hand he held seven stars, and from his mouth came a sharp, two-edged sword, and his face was like the sun shining with full force. When I saw him, *I fell at his feet as though dead. But he placed his right hand on me, saying, “Do not be afraid; I am the first and the last, and the living one. I was dead, and see, I am alive forever and ever; and I have the keys of Death and of Hades.”*

Philippians 2:10-11 “At the name of Jesus every knee should bend, in heaven and on earth and under the earth, and every tongue should confess that Jesus Christ is Lord, to the glory of God the Father.”

1 John 3:23 And this is his commandment, that *we should believe in the name of his Son Jesus Christ and love one another*, just as he has commanded us.

Ephesians 1:15 I have heard of *your faith in the Lord Jesus and your love toward all the saints.*