

# March 4, 2018: ENDURING LOVE

1 Corinthians 13:7 describes enduring Love as:

<sup>7</sup> Love that never gives up, never loses faith, is always hopeful, and endures through every circumstance.”

Bible records instances where God demonstrated His Enduring LOVE:

**In Isaiah 55:3-4, God said “ my faithful love promised to David. <sup>4</sup> See, I have made him a witness to the peoples, a ruler and commander of the peoples.”**

**Out of His Enduring LOVE, God anointed David King of Israel.**

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**In Genesis 17**, the LORD appeared to Abram and said, “I am God Almighty; walk before me faithfully and be blameless. <sup>2</sup> Then I will make my covenant between me and you and will greatly increase your numbers.”

<sup>3</sup> Abram fell facedown, and God said to him, <sup>4</sup> “As for me, this is my covenant with you: You will be the father of many nations. <sup>5</sup> No longer will you be called Abram<sup>[b]</sup>; your name will be Abraham,<sup>[c]</sup> for I have made you a father of many nations. <sup>6</sup> I will make you very fruitful; I will make nations of you, and kings will come from you. <sup>7</sup> I will establish my covenant as an everlasting covenant between me and you and your

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descendants after you for the generations to come, to be your God and the God of your descendants after you. <sup>8</sup>The whole land of Canaan, where you now reside as a foreigner, I will give as an everlasting possession to you and your descendants after you; and I will be their God.”

**Brethren, that is an enduring love.**

**There is ONLY one way to get God's  
ENDURING LOVE:**

**In Matthew 22:36-40, Jesus was asked:**

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*“Master, which is the great commandment in the law? Jesus said unto him, **Thou shalt love the Lord thy God with all thy heart, and with all thy soul, and with all thy mind.** This is the first and great commandment. And the second is like unto it, Thou shalt love thy neighbour as thyself. On these two commandments hang all the law and the prophets.”*

**Brethren, God often reciprocates our love.**

**James 4:8 says:** *“<sup>8</sup> Draw near to God and He will draw near to you. Cleanse *your* hands, *you* sinners; and purify *your* hearts, *you* double-minded.”*

**Jeremiah 29:** *<sup>13</sup> And you will seek Me and find Me, when you search for Me with all your heart.”*

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Once we take the first step, God reciprocates:

**In 1 Samuel 13:14, David is called “the man after God’s heart.”**

**David drew near to God**

**In Psalm 57: 7- he said: “My heart, O God, is steadfast, my heart is steadfast; I will sing and make music. <sup>8</sup>Awake, my soul! Awake, harp and lyre!**

**I will awaken the dawn.**

**<sup>9</sup> I will praise you, Lord, among the nations;**

**I will sing of you among the peoples.**

***David demonstrated a “Love that never gives up, never loses faith, is always hopeful, and endures through every circumstance.” ----- an enduring love.***

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**Abraham drew near to God...**

And in Genesis 15, 5 God took Abraham outside and said, "Now look toward the heavens, and count the stars, if you are able to count them." And He said to him, "So shall your descendants be." **6 Then he believed in the LORD; and He reckoned it to him as righteousness.** 7 And He said to him, "I am the LORD who brought you out of Ur of the Chaldeans, to give you this land to possess it.

**Once we sincerely demonstrate an enduring love for God, He reciprocates with His abounding enduring love for us.**

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## In Genesis 14,

<sup>21</sup> The king of Sodom said to Abram, “Give me the people and keep the goods for yourself.”

<sup>22</sup> But Abram said to the king of Sodom, “With raised hand I have sworn an oath to the LORD, God Most High, Creator of heaven and earth, <sup>23</sup> that I will accept nothing belonging to you, not even a thread or the strap of a sandal, so that you will never be able to say, ‘I made Abram rich.’”

In Genesis 15: <sup>1</sup>After this, the word of the LORD came to Abram in a vision:

“Do not be afraid, Abram.

I am your shield, your very great reward.”

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Brethren,

**We need God's enduring love to be established forever..... like He did for David/Abram**

This love comes with our own little sowing.

**Would you rather not sow for the enduring love of God?**

**GOD BLESS YOU!**



# TODAY'S PRAYER POINTS

1. **Prayer over the message of today. Ask God for grace to sow enduring love so we can abundantly get God's enduring love.**
2. **Let this house be indeed the house of prayer for all nations (Isaiah 56:7)**
3. **Prayer for Leadership of Nations ...**
  - a. The Lord to open their eyes to see the needs of the people
  - b. Leaders to see their positions as mountain top necessary to effect the lives of their citizens
4. **God to eradicate Troubles/Wars in nations so that people will be free to serve the Lord.**
5. **God to hear our prayers and cleanse our land (2 Chro 7:13-18)**
6. **Pray for Minsters, Ministries, Missionaries and Missions**
7. **Marriages, Children & families to stay together**
8. **Members of the fellowship – grace to live the 5 pillars for 2018**
- 9 **Pray for Needs in fellowship**
10. **Commit the week unto God and pray for next Sunday.**

