

# Our God Is the Kind of God We Can Love

## Scripture:

Jeremiah 31:3-4 *“The LORD has appeared of old to me, saying: “Yes, I have loved you with an everlasting love; Therefore with lovingkindness I have drawn you. <sup>4</sup>Again I will build you, and you shall be rebuilt, O virgin of Israel! You shall again be adorned with your tambourines, And shall go forth in the dances of those who rejoice.”*

## Introduction:

Our god is the kind of God we can love. He is not far from us demanding sacrifices and obeisance without a promise of something more than religious recompense. He has promised to draw us near to Himself, to build our lives and to strengthen us for all that life holds. He encourages us, helps us and blesses us. And He promises us a home in heaven with Himself when it's all over. He's the kind of God we can love.

### I. Our God is the kind of God we can love because He made the greatest sacrifice ever made for you and me.

John 3:16-19 *“For God so loved the world that He gave His only begotten Son, that whoever believes in Him should not perish but have everlasting life. <sup>17</sup>For God did not send His Son into the world to condemn the world, but that the world through Him might be saved. <sup>18</sup>“He who believes in Him is not condemned; but he who does not believe is condemned already, because he has not believed in the name of the only begotten Son of God. <sup>19</sup>And this is the condemnation, that the light has come into the world, and men loved darkness rather than light, because their deeds were evil.”*

- A. Jesus came to remove the condemnation from our lives.
- B. Salvation is the removal of condemnation.
- C. The only reason we do not receive Christ is because we are so attuned to the spiritual darkness that we cannot appreciate the light.
  1. Just try to wake up a heavy sleeper.
  2. Notice what happens when we come out of a dark room into a very bright one.

### II. Our God is the kind of God we can love because His love endures through all the seasons of our lives.

John 13:1 *“Now before the Feast of the Passover, when Jesus knew that His hour had come that He should depart from this world to the Father, having loved His own who were in the world, He loved them to the end.”*

- A. Everybody goes through different seasons that have an effect upon their lives and the lives of those around them.

Ecclesiastes 3:1 *“To everything there is a season, A time for every purpose under heaven.”*
- B. Because God is involved in our lives, He has a way of bringing everything into Kingdom order and balance. We must just remain faithful and patient.

Ecclesiastes 3:11a *“He has made everything beautiful in its time. Also He has put eternity in their hearts,…”*
- C. There is an eternal purpose in every season of our lives.

Romans 8:28-29 *“And we know that all things work together for good to those who love God, to those who are the called according to His purpose. <sup>29</sup>For whom He foreknew, He also predestined to be conformed to the image of His Son, that He might be the firstborn among many brethren.”*

D. We have a strong hand holding us through every season of our lives.

Romans 8:35-37 *“Who shall separate us from the love of Christ? Shall tribulation, or distress, or persecution, or famine, or nakedness, or peril, or sword? <sup>36</sup>As it is written: “For Your sake we are killed all day long; We are accounted as sheep for the slaughter.” <sup>37</sup>Yet in all these things we are more than conquerors through Him who loved us.”*

**III. Our God is the kind of God we can love because He delivers us from the enemies that would try to keep us from the purpose of God for our lives.**

Deuteronomy 7:6-8 *“For you are a holy people to the LORD your God; the LORD your God has chosen you to be a people for Himself, a special treasure above all the peoples on the face of the earth. <sup>7</sup>The LORD did not set His love on you nor choose you because you were more in number than any other people, for you were the least of all peoples; <sup>8</sup>but because the LORD loves you, and because He would keep the oath which He swore to your fathers, the LORD has brought you out with a mighty hand, and redeemed you from the house of bondage, from the hand of Pharaoh king of Egypt.”*

A. A lack of holiness will separate us from God and is therefore an enemy that God delivers us from by imparting His righteousness to us.

Philippians 1:9-11 *“And this I pray, that your love may abound still more and more in knowledge and all discernment, <sup>10</sup>that you may approve the things that are excellent, that you may be sincere and without offense till the day of Christ, <sup>11</sup>being filled with the fruits of righteousness which are by Jesus Christ, to the glory and praise of God.”*

B. God delivers us because of our unique specialness to Him.

C. Our deliverance does not come about because we are strong and have the power to bring it about ourselves, but only because of God.

D. Egypt is a spiritual reference to the world that holds many in bondage. God breaks the power of spiritual Egypt and the Pharaoh of Egypt (the devil) off our lives.

**IV. Because God is the kind of God that we can love, He is the kind of God that we can serve.**

Deuteronomy 30:19-20 *“I call heaven and earth as witnesses today against you, that I have set before you life and death, blessing and cursing; therefore choose life, that both you and your descendants may live; <sup>20</sup>that you may love the LORD your God, that you may obey His voice, and that you may cling to Him, for He is your life and the length of your days; and that you may dwell in the land which the LORD swore to your fathers, to Abraham, Isaac, and Jacob, to give them.”*

A. It's time to make a choice, God or the devil, blessing or cursing, good or evil.

B. When we choose God, we are simply responding to the fact that He has already chosen us.

C. When we choose the Lord, we choose to live under His blessing and we choose to leave the curse behind us.

D. Choosing the Lord means that we will now adjust our lives to His way of doing things.

E. Choose Him today.