

#64 THE GIFT

'Tis the time of year, the most wonderful season
When hearts are touched by friends and families, and here's the reason;
Down deep inside *there's a longing to give*
A token of *Love for remembrance that there's a reason to live.*

Real Brotherhood happens when thoughts turn outward and **we think Of others;**

First towards our own families, our moms, dads, sisters and brothers.
But many think of friends and strangers too
And want to touch the downtrodden whose **hearts are blue.**

This Love is kind and the world needs much more.
This *g l v l n g o f h o p e* comes from the very core
Of a heart that feels it's *connected somehow to all*
By a God who *is said to have destroyed the wall*

That **divides man against man** and **Him** from a world that's **blind.**
This **special** season is when **the lost** can **find**
The **ULTIMATE Love gift** that brings to life
The truth that **God's** calling out to embrace **His** wife.

This poem might seem to be changing its focus
But that last line was given on purpose to poke us
To realize there's a Love above all that can be shown **only in Marriage.**
If you have it there's unquestionable faith ... if you don't ... disparage!

The bond that's between a couple in **Love**
Has strength and **commitment** that will **always rise above**
Any trouble or strife that the world can produce;
Where the devil or the flesh will try to reduce

The relationship to the point where the ties get cut,
And bring pain and agony like a hard kick in the gut.
Seems like all hope is lost and no answers to be found;
Like their spirits will be separated forever and to hell they are bound!

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But God's Love is so forgiving, so true and secure

That **He's** promised, *only to His virgin wife*, that *you* will endure,
And survive and be fruitful and even grow as it groans;
And even produce kind of like little baby clones!

Because **when children are taught** and *experience its* ways
They'll see and *believe* and *will replicate that love* during their days
In clone-like fashion, though not exactly the same,
Because only **God** created the rules, but at least be in the game.

The rules were given in the **Old Testament** days
When **He** gave promises, with conditions, of the ways
His bride, Israel, was to fulfill **her** chores...
Without idolatry or acting like whores!

Now, **Israel** became **God's** chosen race
So **He could show** the world *His grace*.
Israel means *"the prince that prevailed with God"*, you know.
Sorry, the nation of **Israel** did not follow the right way to go!

It became the *"harlot"* in **God's** own words written in **His "Good Book"**,
And worshipped idols and became *"Babylon"*, if you take the time to
Look,
And study His truth with a heart that's not hardened
And discover **the real "Israel"** that **He** has pardoned.

The **Israel** that prevailed is **the one with the Spirit**
That believes God provided the sacrifice that would endear it
Right next to **His heart**, forever without fail;
The perfect price paid for the demanded bail!

That requirement was performed without blemish or spot
And **the nation of Israel in the flesh** was not
The wife **He** demanded, with perfection being done,
But **He** said from the **Tribe of Judah** **He'd** provide *"The One"*.

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That **"One"** is **Jesus, The Lamb of God** in the flesh that came.

The only possible perfection, God himself, who's one in the same !!!

"One" who cannot lie, or deceive or removed

The conditions **He** set for **His** wife to be soothed

In **His** company in heaven, forever without sin

Because only in **Jesus He** gave her the power to win

The battle of deception in which the **Devil** wants us to ride

On a wide road to heaven thinking it takes just being **"good" enough...**

But that is just **pride**

By saying to God - I'll make my own rules

To get to the place of perfection **by using my own tools,**

And ignoring the fact that **God** gave us so many examples, like the story

Of Ruth,

And of course JESUS - who's the *only* Way, The Life and The Truth !!!

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