



### What It Means to Love God

*O God, you are my God; earnestly I seek you; my soul thirsts for you; my flesh faints for you, as in a dry and weary land where there is no water. So I have looked upon you in the sanctuary, beholding your power and glory. (Psalm 63:1–2)*

Only God will satisfy a heart like David's. And David was a man after God's own heart. That's the way we were created to be.

This is the essence of what it means to love God: to be satisfied in him. In him — not just his gifts, but God himself, as the glorious person that he is!

Loving God will include *obeying* all his commands; it will include *believing* all his word; it will include *thanking* him for all his gifts. But all that is overflow. The essence of loving God is admiring and *enjoying* all he is. And it is this enjoyment of God that makes all of our other responses truly glorifying to him.

We all know this intuitively as well as from Scripture. Do we feel most honored by the love of those who serve us from the constraints of duty, or from the delights of fellowship?

My wife is most honored when I say, "It makes me happy to spend time with you." My happiness is the echo of her excellence. And so it is with God. He is most glorified in us when we are most satisfied in him.

None of us has arrived at perfect satisfaction in God. I grieve often over the murmuring of my heart when I lose some earthly comfort or convenience. But I have tasted that the Lord is good. By God's grace I now know the fountain of everlasting joy.

And so I love to spend my days luring people into joy until they say with me, "One thing have I asked of the Lord, that will I seek after: that I may dwell in the house of the Lord all the days of my life, to gaze upon the beauty of the Lord and to inquire in his temple" (Psalm 27:4).

**Father's day Breakfast!** On Saturday, June 14<sup>th</sup>, we'll be celebrating our fathers! Everybody is welcome. Come and enjoy a gourmet hamburger and all the fixens'. We'll be meeting at the home of Jeff Wood (17530 McAllister Street, Riverside, 92503). It starts at 9:30 a.m...

**Wednesday Prayer:** Tomorrow night, at 6:30 pm, we will be praying together as a church — a small church with a big heart. Please join us as we pray that our God would be honored and glorified through our church (*Our Father who is heaven, hallowed be your name*). We'll pray for God to lead and guide us as we seek His will (*your kingdom come, your will be done on earth as it is in heaven*). We'll pray for our needs, both personally and corporately (*give us this day our daily bread*). And we'll pray for our growth and protection (*and forgive us our debts, as we also have forgiven our debtors. And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil*).  
Matthew 6:9-13

**Sunday's Service:** Grumble-Free for Our Own Good! (Philippians 2:14-18): <https://youtu.be/fPynt4K2lrg>

**This Sunday's Message:** The Secret of Contentment (Philippians 4:10-13)

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**Great Quote:** God glorifies Himself toward the creatures also in two ways: 1. By appearing to . . . their understanding. 2. In communicating Himself to their hearts, and in their rejoicing and delighting in, and enjoying, the manifestations which He makes of Himself. . . . God is glorified not only by His glory's being seen, but by its being rejoiced in. (Jonathon Edwards)

### **Prayer Needs:**

- **PTL:** Darlene has her appointment to put in the pacemaker on June 20.
- Please Pray for George and Darlene's granddaughter, Savannah, she is in the hospital with a case of appendicitis.
- Please pray for George as he heals from his surgery today to put in a heart monitor. Everything went well.
- Please continue to pray for Kristine. She had a hysterectomy to remove a cancerous mass.
- **PTL:** Mercedes found a job and is on her way to reuniting of her family.
- Please continue to pray for the Rivera family in Puerto Rico. Pray for God's healing and comforting hand.
- Please continue to pray for Lupe's brother, Roger. He has been move to rehab as he recovers.
- Please continue to pray for Mark N. He is at home and doing better each day but still needs complete healing from the effects of his illness.

If you have any prayer needs (or praise reports), please let me know by email or text: Pastor Mike, 909-229-1888 or [yea4god@gmail.com](mailto:yea4god@gmail.com)

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Church Meeting Place: 2260 Griffin Way, Corona 92879 (At the Ayres Hotel)

Prayer: 9:00 a.m.

**Service Time:** 10:00 a.m.

For His Glory!

Pastor Mike

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