

OUR DEAREST TREASURE

Matthew 6:21 For where your treasure is, there your heart will be also.

God has provided us with the light of His word for our journey through life. It is our manual and our Maker's instruction book. It shows us how our lives should function best and how we can enjoy life to the full. Jesus is our light and when we walk in the light of His word we have the assurance of His presence with us continually. His word is His voice speaking to us today and through it He will impart to us the wisdom we need for every situation.

What a strong motivation this gives us to keep close to Jesus. To follow Him step by step we must maintain our focus on Him and avoid becoming distracted with the things of this life, which is so easy to do. Our desire tends to follow the things we give our attention to. When Jesus is our dearest treasure it will not be difficult to keep thoughts of Him in the centre of our hearts.

Sometimes it is good to evaluate the priorities in our lives. When we make the Lord our number one priority everything else falls into its rightful place and God's blessing rests upon us. When we give Him our love we can anticipate with confidence that He will fulfill His promises and make all things work together for good in our lives. (*Romans 8:28*)

We love Him because He first loved us, (*1 John 4:19*). We belong to Him, for He is our Creator and therefore rightful owner. We are the apple of His eye, the darling of His heart. Jesus redeemed us by His blood when He sacrificed His life at the cross of Calvary. He purchased our redemption from the slave market of sin, cleansed us and has made us fit to live in His presence. He longs for us to love Him passionately, with an exclusive love that is undivided in devotion to Him. When He said, "You shall have no other gods besides Me" (*Exodus 20:3*), He was expressing His desire that we should be wholly His.

It is because He seeks our highest good. He wants the best for His children and does not want us to become entangled with things that will harm us and bring us back into slavery to sin.

There is no safer place for us to dwell than close to His heart. His perfect love for us leaves no room in our hearts for fear. (*1 John 4:18*). This divine love is able to penetrate our lives and fill us with such a sense of acceptance and fulfillment, of security and safety. Fear is no longer an issue. Like David, the shepherd boy and king, we can say with confidence, "I will fear no evil, for You are with me." (*Psalms 23:4*)

His loving arms are outstretched to you today. Will you let Him draw you close to His heart?

I invite you to come close to Me. So close that you will know the greatness of My heart and feel the tenderness of my love for you. Understand that I do not withhold My blessings but desire to lavish them upon those who choose to walk in obedience to Me. As you draw close you will hear my voice, and the faith that you need to conquer fear will rise up within you. With new confidence you will be able to move forward in the midst of the circumstances you face, for you will know that nothing can hold you back, nothing can defeat you with Me by your side, to help and assist you. Put aside those things that would seek to draw you away from an intimate relationship with Me. Know that I am ready and waiting to move in your life that I might bless you with My presence and with every good thing.