

The Order of Love (Go To Meeting)

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Let's see what Paul wrote to the Church in Corinth:

1-Corinthians 14:40: "Let all things be done decently and in order."

When you think about our physical lives and life in general, when we do things decently and in order it makes things go a lot better for us. We have more success, more peace, more enjoyment. There is a way we can be doing things in our lives, and doing things decently and in order make a difference.

We know that spiritually when it comes to God and what He has created—His plan, purpose, laws and commandments—and what He has laid out for the future, which includes us, things need to be done in order.

There is an order to love, as well. If we keep love in the right order, based on God's commandments, we know that we will do well.

Is it possible to get love out of order? *That's what we're going to be talking about!* We must be continually on guard for this in our spiritual lives, getting things out of order. So, we need Godly wisdom and understanding to do this, based on our understanding. We need God's help from His Word.

Psalm 111:10: "**The fear of the LORD is the beginning of wisdom...**"

What does it mean to fear the LORD? *Well, this is a good conversation amongst the brethren!* You can maybe picture several of us together discussing this topic: What does it mean if you're the LORD? *It means:*

- to love God
 - respect, honor and obey God
 - to look at God as a Father
- which He is, He is our Father*
- to believe in Him
 - to be humble
 - to understanding that there are penalties for disobedience and for not obeying Him.

"...a good understanding have all those who do His commandments. His praise endures forever" (v 10).

We know that wisdom and understanding comes from fearing the LORD and also keeping His commandments.

Proverbs 9:10: "The fear of the LORD *is* the beginning of wisdom; and the knowledge of the

Holy *is* understanding."

A lot of times you hear people say, and maybe even some of those in the Church of God, 'I wish I had more wisdom, more understanding, more knowledge.' The answer to that is:

- Do you meditate and think about the fear of God that you have?
- Do you keep God's commandments?
- Do you understand Who God is?
- Do you understand what God is?
- Do you have the understanding and the knowledge of the *Holy*?

Those things help to have wisdom and understanding! Sometimes we just have to think about that:

Do we have those things, or share with others when they question the need for wisdom and understanding? We need to be doing these things!

God commandments are clear to those of us who are in the Church and have God's Spirit.

2-Corinthians 11:1: "I would *that* you might bear with me in a little nonsense; but indeed, do bear with me. For I am jealous over you with *the* jealousy of God because I have espoused you to one husband, so that I may present *you as* a chaste virgin to Christ" (vs 1-2).

We know for those of us in the Church, that's what we have to look forward to, to be in the Kingdom and the first resurrection, and part of the marriage supper. As of now, we are espoused to Jesus Christ. We know how important it is that we ourselves be preparing for that time.

Verse 3: "But I fear, lest by any means, as the serpent deceived Eve by his craftiness, so your minds might be corrupted from *the* simplicity that *is* in Christ."

Do we think about the simplicity of Christ and God's commandments and what He tells us to do?

To the world, these things are difficult to understand. But for those of us in the Church and have God's Spirit dwelling within us, we do understand these things.

When we think about Adam and Eve and what happened to them regarding the simplicity that's in Jesus Christ, and the commandment that was given to them. We know that they were told that

the tree that was in the midst of the garden—the Tree of the Knowledge of Good and Evil—they were not to eat of that tree. They were not even to touch it; a very simple command and simple to understand. Yet, Eve was deceived, though Adam was not!

What God requires of us in His Word for us is plain, but we have to obey it! We have a helper in God's Spirit. When I say that it's plain to us, that there is simplicity in God's Word, we also know that in order to keep God's Word, that takes work! That's overcoming the flesh and our carnal mind.

So, the commandments of God are clear to us! Simple for us to understand! But we have to overcome the flesh and our own carnal nature in keeping them!

There is an order to love, and what is the first and greatest commandment? Most of us, I'm sure, that if we were asked that, we could readily give an answer. That question was ask of Jesus Christ:

Matthew 22:35: "And one of them, a doctor of the Law, questioned *Him*, tempting Him, and saying, 'Master, which commandment *is the* great commandment in the Law?' And Jesus said to him, 'You shall love *the* Lord your God with all your heart, and with all your soul, and with all your mind. This is *the* first and greatest commandment" (vs 35-38).

That's it, plainly said there! For us, are we asked the same question: what is the greatest commandment? Everyday this is something we have to show and reveal to God that we do love Him in this manner; that He is first in our lives. That is the order, He has to be first! That's why this commandments has to be first.

John 14:21: "The one who has My commandments... [which we do] ...**and is keeping them**, that is the one who loves Me, and the one who loves Me shall be loved by My Father, and I will love him and will manifest Myself to him."

Verse 22: "Judas (not Iscariot) said to him, 'Lord, what has happened that You are about to manifest Yourself to us, and not to the world?'"

Think on that! God the Father and Christ have manifested Themselves to us!

Verse 23: "Jesus answered and said to him, '**If anyone loves Me, he will keep My Word**, and My Father will love him, and **We will come to him and make Our abode with him.**'"

So, it's plainly said there that if we love God the Father and Jesus Christ, we're going to be keeping the commandments, especially the first and

greatest commandment so that They dwell in us.

1-John 2:3: "And by this *standard* we know that we know Him: if we keep His commandments. The one who says, 'I know Him' and does not keep His commandments, is a liar, and the Truth is not in him. On the other hand, *if* anyone is keeping His Word, truly in this one the love of God is being perfected. By this *means* we know that we are in Him. Anyone who claims to dwell in Him is obligating himself also to walk even as He Himself walked" (vs 3-6).

So many people in this world profess that they know Him, love Him, speaking of Christ. But do they keep God's commandments? *That's the key!* We know that for us, that's what we need to be doing!

- ***IF*** we say that we know Him
- ***IF*** we say that we dwell in Him
- ***IF*** we say that we love Him

This is the order of things we need to do!

Matt. 22—I want to finish up the order there.

Matthew 22:39: "And *the* second *one is* like it: 'You shall love your neighbor as yourself.' **On these two commandments hang all the Law and the Prophets**" (vs 39-40).

Christ summed it up, right there! John talks a little bit more about this order:

1-John 5:1: "Everyone who believes that Jesus is the Christ has been begotten by God; and everyone who loves Him Who begat also loves him who has been begotten by Him. By this *standard* we know that we love the children of God: when we love God and keep His commandments" (vs 1-2).

How true is that, that we know that ***we love the children of God when we love God first and keep the commandments!*** It all ties together!

Verse 3: "For this is the love of God: that we keep His commandments; and His commandments are not burdensome."

Those of us in the Church, I hope that's how we feel. That God's commandments are not hard to keep; that's another way of saying *burdensome, difficult or hard to keep!*

Hopefully our mind is like the mind of David as he wrote in Psa. 119 as he talked about God. He said that he loved God and he loved God's Law. He meditated on it all the day long.

So, I hope that's how we feel about God's commandments and Who God is, that we love these things, that they're not difficult, but are simple for us

and we delight in them! Keeping our love for God first in the order, then we understand better how to love our neighbor. If we did not keep this order, we would not know the proper way to love our neighbor.

Is it possible to get love out of order? To look at the love of neighbor—loving neighbor as yourself—when we just say that in regard to loving our neighbor and *then* loving God with all our heart, mind, soul and being. If we got that out of order, thinking about loving our neighbor as our selves, just think about how that would be. Trying to put it in that order and then making God fit... Isn't that the way the world? In the 'Christian' churches we see in the world today?

They have more of an emphasis on the people, loving other people as themselves, then make God fit with the love for God. ***That cannot be that way!***

- What about the Church?
- How are we in the Church?
- Do we do the same thing?
- Can we spiritually allow the love of people, the love of self and works of men to come before obedience to God and His work?

in other words:

- Do we make God fit in the love we have for God?

I think the answer is *yes!* I believe that we see in the Churches of God today; *love is not in the proper order!*

We have to examine these things; examine our selves to make sure that we're in the faith! Let's see what Paul says:

2-Corinthians 13:5: "Examine yourselves to see whether you are in the faith; prove your own selves. **Don't you of your own selves know...**"—*whether we're in the faith or not; through God's Spirit that dwells in us? We should!*

"...Don't you of your own selves know that Jesus Christ is in you?..." (v 5).

We read that in John, the indwelling of God the Father and Jesus Christ through the Holy Spirit. We know that Christ dwells in us!

"...Otherwise, you are reprobates" (v 5)—*those who don't have the knowledge of the Truth!*

We need to examine ourselves. If we find at times, as we examine ourselves, that maybe we're compromising with things, or making justification about things and actions in our lives that are against God's clear instructions, that we can find ourselves with love that is not in the proper order.

This also includes enabling others. We don't want to find ourselves where we're enabling other, as well, to sin. That's not what God wants us to be doing as His children.

I think Prov. 3:5-7 goes right along with what we're talking about here:

Proverbs 3:5: "Trust in the LORD with all your heart, and lean not to your own understanding."

Instead, we should lean on the understanding that comes from keeping God's commandments! His command is clear to us!

Verse 6: In all your ways acknowledge Him, and He shall direct your paths. **Do not be wise in your own eyes...**" (vs 6-7).

That's easy to do, to think about ourselves and come up with the answer ourselves, and lean on our own selves.

"...fear the LORD and depart from evil" (v 7).

We know where that wisdom—the wisdom we need—comes from. It comes from fearing God. James talks about that some, too, about the wisdom that's from above.

I want to look at two examples written for us in God's Word that really puts a light on men and women in the Church who got things out of order, and the example of one man who kept things in order.

These things are written for us so that we can learn from them. I think for myself and for all of us, when we read God's Word and these examples that are written for us, we need to think about how they apply personally for us. Think about what we would do if we were in that position, if you were there at that time, and that command or opportunity was given to you. What would you do?

1. **Saul and Samuel**

1-Samuel 15:1: "And Samuel said to Saul, 'The LORD sent me to anoint you to be king over His people, over Israel. And now listen to the voice of the words of the LORD.'"

If that's ever said to us, that's when we really need to pay attention to what's being told to us. In this case it was coming from Samuel to Saul directly from God. These were the words of God directed toward Saul.

Verse 2: "Thus says the LORD of hosts, 'I will punish Amalek for *that* which he did to Israel, how he set against him in the way when he came up from Egypt. Now, go and strike Amalek, and completely destroy all that they have, and do not

spare them. But kill both man and woman, infant and suckling, ox and sheep, camel and donkey” (vs 2-3).

Verse 4: “And Saul gathered the people together and numbered them in Telaim, two hundred thousand footmen and ten thousand men of Judah.”

You can see that this was no small event; there were quite a few people involved here, that Saul was in command of to go and do what God commanded. Wasn't the command here pretty clear? *I think when we read this, we see that Saul was told to go there and kill everyone, 'destroy and don't spare'!*

That's a pretty simple command; maybe hard to do, but the command was simple; the simplicity of Christ!

Verse 7: “And Saul struck the Amalekites from Havilah, as you come to Shur, which *is* over across from Egypt. And he took Agag the king of the Amalekites alive. And he completely destroyed all the people with the edge of the sword. But Saul and the people spared Agag and the best of the sheep and of the oxen and of the fatlings and the lambs, and all *that was* good, and would not completely destroy them. But everything *that was* vile and feeble they completely destroyed” (vs 7-9).

We see here the beginning of the disobedience! ***A clear command, but that's not what Saul did!***

Verse 10: “And the Word of the LORD came to Samuel saying, ‘It repents Me that I have set up Saul *to be* king, for he has turned back from following Me and has not performed My commandments.’ And it grieved Samuel, and he cried *out to* the LORD all night” (vs 10-11).

I just want to comment here about what a great attitude and spirit there was about Samuel; he truly was a man of God! As prophet, priest and judge in Israel, the one who did anoint Saul to be king. What an example for us when we read this. Obviously, Samuel kept things in order in his life when it came to love and the love of God.

But it bothered him, because he knew God, and he knew God's will. He knew that God had made a judgment on this, and this is what God was going to do. Samuel stayed up that night and he cried out to God, because he knew all that was going to happen. He had a relationship with Saul, who was king.

This was going to be a terrible thing that was going to happen, to have Saul removed if Samuel was going to be faithful to this. A good example for us and how we need to be in very

difficult times.

Verse 13: “And Samuel came to Saul. And Saul said to him, ‘You *are* blessed of the LORD. I have performed the commandment of the LORD.’... [we know that's not correct, maybe partially] ...And Samuel said, ‘What then *is* this bleating of the flock in my ears? And *what is* the sound of the herd which I hear?’ And Saul said, ‘They have brought them from the Amalekites, for the people spared the best of the sheep and of the oxen to sacrifice to the LORD your God. And the rest we have completely destroyed.’ And Samuel said to Saul, ‘Stay and I will tell you what the LORD has said to me tonight.’ And he said to him, ‘Speak on.’ And Samuel said, ‘When you *were* little in your own sight...’” (vs 13-17).

Isn't that how we should be, being humble and small in our own sight before God?

“...did you not become the head of the tribes of Israel? And the LORD anointed you king over Israel. And the LORD sent you on the way and said, ‘Go and completely destroy the sinners... [we will mention a little later about destroying sin] ... the Amalekites, and fight against them until you destroy them.’ Why then did you not obey the voice of the LORD? Why did you fly upon the spoil and do evil in the sight of the LORD?’” (vs 17-19).

Verse 20: “And Saul said to Samuel, ‘Yes, I have obeyed the voice of the LORD, and have gone the way which the LORD sent me, and have brought Agag the king of Amalek, and have completely destroyed the Amalekites. But the people took from the spoil, of *the* flock and herd, *the* best of the things devoted to destruction, to sacrifice to the LORD your God in Gilgal’” (vs 20-21).

- Why didn't Saul take control? *He is king at this point, and he was in control of his army!*
- Why didn't he command the army of men to obey God, and also obey his command?
- Why didn't he do that?

We don't know all the story since we weren't there. We know part of it, but he did not follow the command. Instead, other things got control of the command of God and love of God, including people. That's what we see here. Saul had the opportunity to take control and lead and he did not do that!

Verse 22: “And Samuel said, ‘Does the LORD *have as great* delight in burnt offerings and sacrifices as in obeying the voice of the LORD? Behold, to obey *is* better than sacrifice! To hearken *is* better than the fat of rams.’”

How true that is for us, obeying God, and hearkening to God's Word is better than sacrifices,

better than these other things. That's what we need to strive be doing.

Verse 23: "**For rebellion is as the sin of witchcraft, and stubbornness is as iniquity and idolatry.** Because you have rejected the Word of the LORD, He has also rejected you from being king!"

Verse 27: "And as Samuel turned around to go, *Saul* laid hold upon the skirt of his robe, and it tore. And Samuel said to him, 'The LORD has torn the kingdom of Israel from you this day, and has given it to a neighbor of yours *who is* better than you" (vs 27-28).

Look to Samuel as the example of what we should do. He did follow the command of God! Samuel finished the job, so to speak:

Verse 32: "And Samuel said, 'Bring here to me Agag the king of the Amalekites.' And Agag came to him cautiously. And Agag said, 'Surely the bitterness of death is at hand.' And Samuel said, 'As your sword has made women childless, so shall your mother be childless among women.' And Samuel cut Agag in pieces **before the LORD** in Gilgal" (vs 32-33)—*not before the people! He finished he job and kept the order!*

As we look at this and see Samuel and his conduct, and the conduct of Saul:

- How does this apply to us?
- What would we do if we were in that position?
- Would we obey the command? The clear command

or

- Would we the love of other things, people and ourselves influence us and not complexly follow what God says to do?

As we look at ourselves, I think we can draw some similarities from the Word of God and think about how it applies to us.

For us we have an anointing from the Holy Spirit within us, that sets us apart and able to be future kings and priest, as long as we're faithful to the end. *We have that anointing!*

- Do we obey the commandments, just like what was given to Saul?
- All the things that are opposed to God, that God commands us to remove and completely destroy?
 - ✓ that's the goal
 - ✓ that's sin
- Are we doing this?
- Is it important to us to have that mind to do that?

- Do we have 'Agag' still around?
 - ✓ The best of the sheep?
 - ✓ The best of the oxen?
- Do we still have those things around in our lives?
- Especially in our heart and mind that we don't completely destroy?

We need to examine ourselves and look at it! These things are hard to do, but we have to obey God!

Verse 28: "And Samuel said to him, 'The LORD has torn the kingdom of Israel from you this day, **and has given it to a neighbor of yours who is better than you**'"—*that was King David!*

This can apply to us if we're not doing what we should be doing and keeping things in order, *the Kingdom can be taken away from us and be given to someone else! We have to be mindful of that!*

2. **The Church**

This is another example in God's Word. We know that the Church is the 'ekklesia' of *the called out ones!*

During the days of Unleavened Bread when we cover this.

- Can a Church get things out of order?
- Can a Church get focused on the people?
 - ✓ love for people
 - ✓ love for self

Not having the proper love for God, which involves keeping His commandments!

1-Corinthians 5:1—*Paul writes: "It is commonly reported that there is sexual immorality among you, and such immorality as is not even named among the Gentiles—allowing one to have his own father's wife."*

Here we see that something was going on there in the Church that wasn't appropriate! It was commonly reported; in other words, this is pretty well known in this Church of Corinth. Why didn't somebody there stand up and do something about it? Surely they knew this wasn't correct before God.

At that Church there should have been some that were spiritual leaders, elders or others, but it should have been the whole Church to look at this and condemn it and judged it for what it was. But they did not do that!

What does this remind you of? *One is what we just read in 1-Sam. 15! Samuel commented to Saul, 'When you were small in your own eyes...*

Verse 2: "You are puffed up... [it's very important that those in the Church remain humble

and not puffed up] ...and did not grieve instead...”

I think as we read in 1-Sam. 15 how Samuel grieved about what was going to happen with Saul and what he had to do, and what was done there. He grieved over it! It bothered him and what was happening there wasn't good, not good for the nation. What was being done before God there, what Saul had done was not good!

So, the Church here in Corinth should have been grieving over what was happening there, but they weren't!

“...so that he who did this deed might be taken out of your midst. For I indeed, being absent in body but present in spirit, have already judged *concerning* him who has so *shamelessly* committed this *evil deed* as if I were present: In the name of our Lord Jesus Christ, when you are gathered together, and my spirit, together with the power of our Lord Jesus Christ to deliver such a one to Satan for *the* destruction of the flesh, that the spirit may be saved in the day of the Lord Jesus. Your glorying *is* not good. Don't you know that a little leaven leavens the whole lump?” (vs 2-6).

Did the Church here have some things out of order? *Looks to me like they did!* They were allowing things to go on here that they shouldn't have been allowing. It was motivated by love for this individual, love of self and incorrect love for each other, because it didn't involve the first love, which is love and obedience to God! What were they allowing? *To me it's very clear that they didn't have things in order!*

Verse 7: “Therefore, purge out the old leaven, so that you may become a new lump, *even* as you are unleavened. For Christ our Passover was sacrificed for us. For this reason, let us keep the Feast, not with old leaven, nor with *the* leaven of malice and wickedness, but with *the* unleavened bread of Sincerity and Truth” (vs 7-8).

How true that is, and whatever we do in the Church that it's done in Sincerity and in Truth. “...nor with *the* leaven... [the spirit] ...of malice and wickedness...” also, as was told to Saul by Samuel, *rebellion and stubbornness! All these things that go on if we don't yield to God and obey Him!*

Verse 9: “I wrote to you in an epistle not to associate with the sexually immoral; and *yet, you can* not altogether *avoid contact* with the sexually immoral of this world, or with the covetous, or extortioners, or idolaters, since you would then have to go out of the world” (vs 9-10).

That's tough for all of us, because in the world we sometimes do have to work with and be associated with people that have this character. We

can't help them. As Paul says, we have to come out of the world, but we can't altogether avoid that.

What about in the Church? ***It shouldn't be in the Church!***

Verse 11: “But now, I have written to you not to associate with anyone who is called a brother, if *he be* either sexually immoral, or covetous, or an idolater, or a reviler, or a drunkard, or an extortioner; with such a person *you are* not even to eat.”

It's good to think about that spiritual meaning of these things talked about here by Paul, and what effect it has on the Church, ***IF we allow these things to be in the Church and part of the Church!***

Verse 13: “...So then, **put the wicked person out from among yourselves.**”

In the Churches of /God today, these problems still exist! A lot of times it's tolerated. In some cases, the Churches invite this to be a part of them.

You have to look at the meaning of some of these things and what's going on here. But these are in the Churches of God today. ***It is the Church's responsibility to judge those within, especially the leaders!***

We have to on guard for all of these things here and what's motivating it. A lot of times what's motivating this is that ***things are out of order!*** We don't have that first love, the first commandments, that we love God with all of our being! We don't have that in the right order.

Ephesians 5:1: “Therefore, be imitators of God as beloved children.”

What we always need to be doing is ***trying to imitate God***, showing God how much we do love Him. Every day strive to imitate God on that as His children and be like our Father.

Verse 2: “And walk in love, even as Christ also loved us...”

That's what we agreed to do upon covenant; we agreed to walk as Christ walked, He set the example.

“...and gave Himself for us *as* an offering and a sacrifice to God for a sweet-smelling savor. But fornication and all uncleanness or covetousness, do not permit it even to be named among you, as is fitting for saints” (vs 2-3).

Shouldn't be spoken of or talked about as being a part of us!

Verse 4: “Nor filthiness, nor foolish talking or jesting, which are not becoming; but instead,

thanksgiving. For this you know, that no fornicator, or unclean person, or covetous *person*, who is an idolater, has any inheritance in the Kingdom of Christ and of God” (vs 4-5).

Think about that! Just as the kingdom was torn away from Saul, all these things that are talked about are not going to have any part or inheritance in the Kingdom! That includes all those in the Church who participate these things, and allow these things and do these things.

Verse 6: **“Do not let anyone deceive you with vain words...”**

There are a lot of vain words spoken today. Some of the vain words we hear is where people are saying that God said, when God didn’t say! Or other vain words spoken have to do when we say ‘we love each other’ as a way to tolerate and not put out the sin!

That’s not correct! We need to love each other based on God’s Word and our love for God *first!*

Other vain words said, ‘We don’t judge one another; we shouldn’t be judging.’ Yes, we should be judging righteously, based on the Word of God! It’s our job to judge these things! Paul told us that and we know that!

Verse 6: **“Do not let anyone deceive you with vain words,** for because of these things the wrath of God is coming upon the sons of disobedience. Therefore, do not be joint partakers with them. For you were once darkness; but now *you are* light in *the* Lord. Walk as children of Light, (because the fruit of the Spirit *is* in all goodness and righteousness and Truth)” (vs 6-9).

Proverbs 14:12: “There is a way, which seems right to a man, but the end thereof *is* the way of death.”

Isn’t that the way our mind works? Sometimes that there is a way that seems right. Haven’t you heard people say that, at times after something has happened in their life. They say, ‘Seemed right at the time.’ Often times it wasn’t right! That’s how our carnal nature is at times. It seems right, and maybe that’s what Saul thought:

What I did there concerning Agag and those things, and allowing the people to do that, it seemed right.

Maybe what was going on in the Church of Corinth where they were allowing someone to do something that shouldn’t have been allowed, maybe it seemed right.

It wasn’t right, and that’s the whole point here! There are things that *seem* right, but *they’re not right!*

What is right and the right way is obedience to God, and ***keeping things in order! Loving God first!*** Understanding what that means and properly loving our neighbor.

We have to be on guard for this in the Church, because this does occur in the Church and we need people in the Church—all of us—stand up for what is right and say *no* to that!

As we think about this message, about the love we need to have, and the order of love, ***the proper order of love!*** Paul said, ‘Do all things peaceably and in order’—***the order of love!***

Psa, 19—think about these words and how it applies to having the right order and the benefit of having the right order:

Psalm 19:7: **“The Law of the LORD is perfect...”**

We know that; we’re not going to improve upon what God has given us to obey; it’s perfect!

“...restoring the soul...” (v 7).

Isn’t that what God’s Law does? It restores us! That’s what’s going to happen in the future when Christ returns with the saints and the Kingdom is established through God’s Law and His Word, everything will be restored.

“...the testimony of the LORD is sure, making wise the simple. **The precepts of the LORD are right, rejoicing the heart...**” (vs 7-8).

Don’t we feel good when we are keeping the precepts of the Lord. It makes us rejoice!

“...the commandments of the LORD are pure, enlightening the eyes. 9: The fear of the LORD is clean, enduring forever; the judgments of the LORD are true and righteous altogether, more to be desired than gold, yea, much fine gold; sweeter also than honey and the honeycomb. Moreover, by them Your servant is warned; in keeping them there is great reward. Who can understand his errors?... [we can with God’s Spirit within us and have repentance] ...Oh, cleanse me from *my* secret faults; and keep back Your servant also **from presumptuous sins...**” (vs 8-13)—*of getting things out of order!*

“...do not let them rule over me; then I shall be blameless, and I shall be innocent of great transgression. Let the words of my mouth and the meditation of my heart be acceptable in Your sight, O LORD, my Rock and my Redeemer” (vs 13-14).

Something that we should meditate on is that our heart and mind is acceptable in God's sight. It's important that we pray to God continually so that we can keep love in the right order. ***That He can help us understand better all the time and know what it means to love Him with our heart, mind, soul and strength.***

Then have a better understand of how to love our neighbor as ourselves!

Scriptural References:

- 1) 1 Corinthians 14:40
- 2) Psalm 111:10
- 3) Proverbs 9:10
- 4) 2 Corinthians 11:1-3
- 5) Matthew 22:35-38
- 6) John 14:21-23
- 7) 1 John 2:3-6
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