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Romans 10:15

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The Sin Against Love

Hosea 11:1-4

“When Israel was a child, I loved him, and out of Egypt I called My son. As they called them, so they went from them; they sacrificed to the Baals, and burned incense to carved images. I taught Ephraim to walk, taking them by their arms; but they did not know that I healed them. I drew them with gentle cords, with bands of love, and I was to them as those who take the yoke from their neck. I stooped and fed them.”

How beautiful is the prophet’s description of God’ love for His children.

There are three levels on which men may live. The first is the **divine** level, where **love** is the all-consuming and all-conquering passion, rendering good for good, and even good for evil. On this level Jesus lived, moved and had His being. The second is the **human**, where people **give in kind**—good for good, evil for evil. And the third is **satanic**, where **hate** is the all-consuming passion, rendering evil for evil, and even evil for good. This is the lowest level of life.

Let’s consider:

I. Divine Love.

There are various manifestations of this in the natural world, but the greatest is seen in the cross of Christ. (Isa. 53:4-6—*”Surely He has borne our griefs and carried our sorrows; yet*

we esteemed Him stricken, smitten by God, and afflicted.”; John 3:16; Romans 5:6-8; I John 4:10—“Herein is love, not that we loved God, but that He loved us, and sent His son to be the propitiation for our sins.”).

Now to the subject at hand:

II. The Sin Against Love.

The man who has learned of the goodness of God and fails to respond to it, sins against love. The following are some instances from the scriptures.

- A. **Israel** (Hosea 11:1-3; Isa 1:2,3) God had delivered her, nourished her, and guided her through the wilderness, brought her into the promised land of Canaan and given her victory. Sadly, in return for all these great blessings, Israel rebelled and turned to idols. How tragic it is when we fail to recognize God’s love and providence in our lives.
- B. **Gomer** (Hosea 1:1-3—chapt.3) The prodigal wife. Though a harlot, Hosea wooed and wedded her, giving her a name and a home. She again became a harlot, breaking his heart. Mirroring God’s love for Israel even in their adultery from Him. God loves us even when we do not love Him. (Note: Hebrews 5:6-8)
- C. **The Prodigal Son.** (Luke 15) He knew what it meant to dwell beneath the roof of a loving father, to share the blessings of the father’s love. Yet, he departed against the father’s will and love.
- D. **The Ten Lepers** (Luke 17:11-19) They all cried for mercy; through God’s compassion received mercy—felt the flush of healthy blood flow through their veins; yet, only one returned to give thanks to God; a Samaritan. How thankful are we for God’s love.

III. The Consequences of the Sin Against Love.

One’s life can never be the same after he learns of divine love. “Be afraid of the love that loves you: it is either your heaven or your hell.” God’s love is a dangerous thing—dangerous to the one who trifles with it. When men sin against love, they suffer a hurtful reaction. (Heb. 10:31)



- A. **To Sin Against Love...Chills the Soul.** (Matt. 24:12—*“And because iniquity shall abound, the love of many shall wax cold.”*) John responded to divine love and became the disciple of love; Judas sinned against the same love and became the betrayer of Christ. (Matt. 27:3-5)
- B. **To Sin Against Love...Breeds Misery.** We begin to live only when we begin to love. (Luke 10:25-28). The cold heart is an unhappy heart. (Matt. 27:3-5—Judas). How tragic the life in which is stifled the noblest passion, the one most akin to God!
- C. **To Sin Against Love...Isolates Man from God.** Because the Jews sinned against God’s love, His presence was withdrawn from the temple. (Matt. 23:37,38). As believers, our bodies are temples. If we sin against the divine love of God, His presence will be withdrawn. (I John 2:15—*“If any man love the world the love of the Father is not in him.”*) How desolate is the state of that man!
- D. **To Sin Against Love...Fits One for Destruction.** Heaven is where love dwells—God is there; His love fits or prepares us for heaven. Hell is where hate dwells—Satan is there; hatred fits or prepares one for hell. (Note Hebrews 10:26-29)

There are those who love us, who have befriended us—God, Christ, relatives, friends, brethren. May our hearts respond, returning love for love. It is only when love responds to love that we can be truly happy.

We may respond to God’s love by keeping the commandments of His Son. I John 5:3—*“For this is the love of God; that we keep His commandments and His commandments are not grievous.”*

Have you obeyed His commandments to become His; through **Faith** in Christ as God’s Son. Through **Repentance** and turning from your past sins. By **Confession** before man your faith in Christ as God’s Son. And by being **Baptized** in water for the remission of your sins. Note: Heb. 11:6, Luke 13:3, Romans 10:9,10, and Acts 2:38. **Steve Frazier**



Sermon Notes

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Theme: _____ Speaker: _____

Order of Worship August 1, 2021

Song Leader—AM	Michael Young
Song Leader—PM	Matthew Frazier
Lord's Table	Phillip Steen
Sermon—AM—Devin Barber	Sermon—PM—Devin Barber

Continue prayers for those on our list, and for the free course of the gospel.

1 John 5:14

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