God is Love

Lesson 3

Part 1 The OT

Quick Review

1. God is all powerful
2. God is Holy

The one who does not love does not know God, because God is love.

(1 John 4:8)

1. Is this statement really true? Why?
2. If a person is not loving, do they really know God?
3. Name some verses in the Bible that talk about God’s love.

OT passages on God’s Love.

Then the LORD passed in front of him and proclaimed: Yahweh--Yahweh is a compassionate and gracious God, slow to anger and rich in faithful love and truth, maintaining faithful love to a thousand generations, forgiving wrongdoing, rebellion, and sin. But He will not leave the guilty unpunished, bringing the consequences of the fathers' wrongdoing on the children and grandchildren to the third and fourth generation.

(Exodus 34:6-7)

1. What are the characteristics of God in Exodus 34:6-7
2. Do Justice and love conflict? Why or why not?
3. Is it right for the consequences of the parents sin to be punished to the 3 or 4th generation?
4. Name a story where God does not follow through on this “promise.”
5. How does the coming of Christ effect this verse and it’s “promise.”

God, Your faithful love is so valuable that people take refuge in the shadow of Your wings.

(Psalms 36:7)

1. Who is God talking about here?
2. Does God have wings?
3. Is this still true today in the NT times?

The LORD will send His faithful love by day; His song will be with me in the night-- a prayer to the God of my life.

(Psalms 42:8)

1. What attributes of God is the Psalmist stating here?
2. Does this still hold true today?
3. Should a verse like this bring comfort to the troubled soul?
4. What song would you like to hear in the middle of the night?

Tear your hearts, not just your clothes, and return to the LORD your God. For He is gracious and compassionate, slow to anger, rich in faithful love, and He relents from sending disaster.

(Joel 2:13)

1. How should we respond to God’s love?
2. Do we?

The sacrifices of God are a broken spirit: a broken and a contrite heart, O God, thou wilt not despise.

(Psalms 51:17)