

THE LOVE BOOK

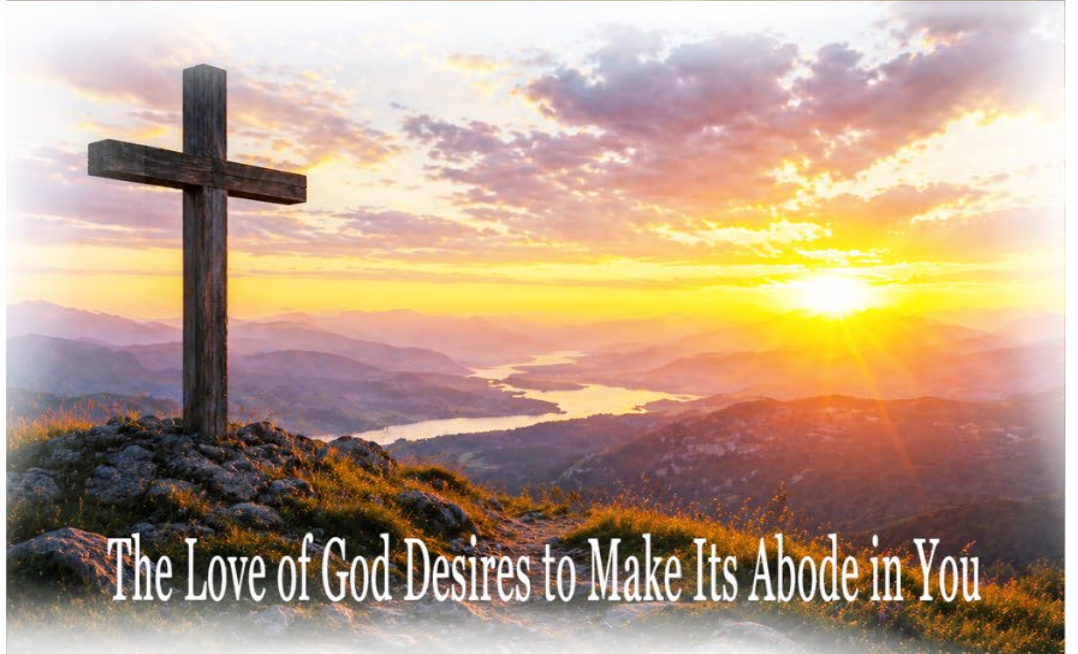
HOW TO REACH THE ABODE



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The Love of God Desires to Make Its Abode in You

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Has the Love of God Reached Your Heart?

Introduction

Before you read a single word in this booklet, your eyes have already seen three pictures. Each one tells a story. Each one reveals a truth. And together, they form a message that speaks directly to the heart.

The first picture reminds us that the love of God was proven at the cross. This is where everything begins. Not with our love for Him, but with His love for us. The cross stands as eternal evidence that God's love is not just spoken, it is demonstrated.

It was there that sin was judged, and love was revealed. It was there that justice and mercy met together. It was there that the Son of God gave Himself so that we might live. The cross is not simply something we look back to; it is something that must become real to us personally.

The second picture draws us forward and reminds us that the love of God invites us to come and follow. The path is set before us. The call is clear. Love does not force; it draws. And every step toward Him is a response to the love that first reached out to us.

This path is not always easy, but it is always right. It is a path that leads away from self and toward Him. It is a path where we begin to discover that His presence is greater than anything we leave behind.

The third picture brings us to the deepest truth of all. It reveals that the love of God desires to make its abode in you. This is more than salvation. This is more than forgiveness. This is the very presence of God dwelling within the one who believes.

There comes a moment when truth is no longer just known... it is felt.

When the love of God presses upon the heart, something awakens within.

No longer distant. No longer theoretical.

In that moment, His love becomes real, and nothing remains the same.

The purpose of this booklet is to help the reader of The LOVE Book experience the reality of the abode that Jesus spoke about in John 14:23 and John 15:7. This is not simply a study about love. It is an invitation into a relationship where the LORD makes His home in the heart of the believer.

The LOVE Book is an exact result of: “Now unto him that is able to do exceeding abundantly above all that we ask or think” (Ephesians 3:20). I could have never done this on my own in a million years. What you hold in your hand is not the product of human effort alone, but the evidence of what God can do through a yielded life.

There is a difference between knowing about love and being changed by it. Many have heard of the love of God, but far fewer have entered into the abiding presence of that love. This booklet is written to help bridge that gap.

The Love That Begins With God

The love we speak of does not begin with man. It begins with God. “We love him, because he first loved us” (1 John 4:19). Before you ever sought Him, He was seeking you. Before you ever loved Him, He had already set His love upon you.

From the very beginning, God has revealed Himself through love. In creation, He prepared a place for man. In fellowship, He walked with him. Even after sin entered the world, His love did not withdraw; it pursued.

His love is patient. It is long-suffering. It does not give up when man turns away. Again and again, God has shown that His desire is not to condemn, but to restore.

This love is not a passing emotion. It is the very nature of God. It is steady. It is unchanging. It is eternal. Long before we understood it, it was already set upon us.

Yet for many, this love remains something distant, something spoken of, but never truly known.

Love That Pursues

From the Garden of Eden to this present moment, God has been pursuing the heart of man. When Adam and Eve sinned, they hid, but God came seeking. That has always been His way.

He does not wait for man to find Him. He comes calling. He draws. He invites. Again and again throughout Scripture, we see a God who reaches toward those who have turned away.

Even when man rejects Him, He continues to call. Even when man ignores Him, He continues to draw. His love does not easily let go.

Perhaps even now, as you read these words, you can sense that drawing. It is not accidental that this booklet is in your hands. The love of God is still pursuing hearts today.

The question is not whether He is drawing. The question is whether we will respond.

The Cross: Where Love Was Proven

If you want to understand the love of God, you must look to the cross. There, love was not spoken; it was demonstrated. “But God commendeth his love toward us, in that, while we were yet sinners, Christ died for us” (Romans 5:8).

Jesus did not go to the cross because we deserved it. He went because we needed it. Every sin, every failure, every weight of guilt was placed upon Him. What we could never pay, He paid in full.

The cross reveals both the depth of our sin and the greatness of His love. It shows us what we are... and what He is willing to do to redeem us.

It also reveals the seriousness of sin. If sin could have been removed any other way, the cross would not have been necessary. But because there was no other way, Christ gave Himself.

This is where love becomes undeniable.

The Doorway Into Love

The cross is not only where love was proven, but it is also the doorway into a relationship with God. Through Christ, forgiveness is offered. Through Him, reconciliation is made possible.

But many stop at the doorway. They believe, yet never fully enter into what that relationship means. They are saved, yet do not live in the reality of His presence.

They know they are forgiven, but they do not walk with Him. They know truth, but they do not experience it.

Salvation is not the end; it is the beginning. It is the opening of a door into a life where God Himself desires to dwell within.

This is where the truth begins to move from the mind... to the heart.

The Abode: God With Us

Jesus made a remarkable promise in John 14:23: “If a man love me, he will keep my words: and my Father will love him, and we will come unto him, and make our abode with him.”

The word abode speaks of a dwelling place. It is not temporary. It is not occasional. It is a settled, continual presence.

God does not desire to be distant. He desires to dwell within. To walk with you. To speak to you. To guide and shape your life from within.

Imagine what it means for the Creator of all things to make His home in the heart of a believer. This is not a small truth; it is a life-changing reality.

Yet many have never experienced this, not because it is untrue, but because it has never moved beyond understanding to experience.

Abiding: Living in His Presence

Jesus continued this truth in John 15:7: “If ye abide in me, and my words abide in you...” Abiding is the key to experiencing the love of God in a living way.

To abide is to remain. To stay. To live in continual awareness of His presence. It is not something we visit from time to time; it is where we are meant to live.

When His Word abides in us, it shapes our thinking. When His presence is real to us, it changes our desires. Life begins to take on a different direction.

Abiding is not striving; it is yielding. It is allowing Him to live His life through us.

This is where love becomes more than truth; it becomes life.

When Love Becomes Real

When the love of God becomes real in the heart, everything begins to change. Scripture is no longer distant; it speaks. Prayer is no longer a duty; it becomes a fellowship. Obedience is no longer forced; it flows from within.

There is a new awareness. A new sensitivity. A new desire to walk with Him.

This is what Jesus meant when He spoke of abundant life. It is not found in circumstances, possessions, or achievements. It is found in Him.

The LOVE Book was written to help believers enter into this reality. Not just to understand it, but to experience it. Not just to know it, but to live in it daily.

A Personal Invitation

This booklet is not the end. It is the beginning.

If the LORD has stirred your heart as you have read these pages, do not ignore that stirring. He is drawing you to Himself. He is inviting you into something deeper, something real.

Do not be satisfied with simply knowing about His love. Do not stop short of experiencing it. The invitation is open to come, to follow, and to abide.

The question is not whether God loves you. That has already been settled at the cross. The question is this:

Has the love of God reached your heart?

If you desire to experience this abiding love in a deeper way, I encourage you to read *The LOVE Book*. It was written with you in mind and under the guiding hand of the One who desires to make His abode with you.

Thank you for your prayers and support. It is our desire to help believers move from simply knowing truth to experiencing it in their daily walk with the LORD.

With love and prayers,
Dave Weeks