

THE GREATEST OF ALL EMOTIONS

I've lived a long time, and LOVE is the most wonderful emotion I've experienced. Jesus was asked, "Which is the greatest of all the commandments?" His answer was the commandment relating to LOVE (Mark 12:29-31) :

"This is the first. You must love the Lord your God with all your heart, with all your soul, with all your mind and with all your strength. The second is that you must love your neighbour as you love yourself. There is no commandment greater than these".

What is so special about this commandment? To me, it's no surprise that Our Lord Jesus Christ used it to show people how they should live and thereby gain God's great promise of a life in heaven with him for all eternity when our human bodies die. We should always remember that this promise of God is only possible to achieve if we love God and our neighbours.

When we love God, we obey his commandments, and when we love our neighbours, we give them time and resources without thought of recompense. It is truly surprising that when we do these things, we always feel great satisfaction and happiness.

God himself is love and has, throughout time, shown his great love to human beings, not only forgiving them for all sorts of offences against him but he's done so repeatedly. Some examples of his love are:

Stopping Abraham from sacrificing his son. And making Abraham the father of the Hebrews.

Forgiving St. Peter for denying him, even though he'd been told he'd do so, and making St. Peter the Head of his church.

There are many such examples in the Bible.

There's no better definition of love than the one from the Bible, a part of one of St. Paul's letters.(1 Corinthians 13:4-8), It states that

LOVE:

- Is Patient.
- Is Kind.
- Does not envy.
- Does not boast.
- Is not proud.

- Does not dishonour others.
- Is not self-seeking.
- Is not easily angered.
- Keeps no record of wrongs.
- Does not delight in evil.
- Rejoices with truth.
- Always protects.
- Always trusts,
- Always hopes.
- Always preserves.
- Endures
- Never fails.

It's worth looking at each of these in turn and seeing how true this definition is.

The simple answer regarding this commandment of LOVE is that if people obeyed it, there would be no crimes, hatred, or wars, just an enjoyable, peaceful world.

We would be able to do all the really worthwhile things in sports, science, medicine, and the arts to benefit mankind in general and get all the help we needed without having to ask for it.

NEVER UNDERESTIMATE THE POWER OF LOVE.