## Beloved

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As an individual you are faced with a singular and a very personal reality. Do we trust what we see, what we feel, what we touch, what we experience rather than trusting God? Do you trust Him? Do you know Him? If you have received Him into your heart and if He's the Lord and Saviour of your life, you are still faced, every day, with a singular question; Do I trust Him? Because every day you are faced with experience, with emotion, with touch, with sight, with logic, with thoughts. And those thoughts and logic and appetites, feelings that you have in your body, they will constantly, continuously conflict with the trust of God. Because you can't see God. God is not Someone who's talking to you with an audible voice every day. But your logic speaks to you with a more audible voice than God. And you have to train yourself to listen to the voice of God in your spirit, rather than the voice of your logic.

Do not let your mind control what's in your heart, but let your heart control the anxieties of your mind. The peace of God is like a garrison of soldiers against the outside world.

Remember, your head can never create your future, your head can only deal with the logic of the moment.

Your spirit man knows more about your future because your future is in Christ, than your natural man.

The more you spend time inside your head, the more you learn to trust what's in your head than what's in your heart. Which is why the Bible says you've got to pull down strongholds, you've got to pull down those thoughts and those reasonings and those ideals, and those philosophies that raise themselves up against the knowledge of God.

"For the weapons of our warfare are not carnal but mighty in God for pulling down strongholds," (II Corinthians 10:4 NKJV)

Say:"I choose not to go with that philosophy, that thought, or that logic. I choose to go with what's in my spirit."

"Blessed is everyone who fears the Lord, Who walks in His ways." (Psalms 128:1 NKJV)

If you don't fear God, you can't walk in His ways.

How do I know whether I fear God or not? When you actually have a terror that you're not in the will of God. Some things are absolutely obvious. You should be in fear of God when it comes to tithing. You should have the fear of the Lord when it comes to being at church. This is how you know you fear the Lord! Then you will be blessed, then you will be a favourite.

In the Old Testament, when we talk about the love of God, it is a passionate love. It's a love that is reflected in desire. So, if you say you love God in the Old Testament, if you say you love God, then the desire for the house of God, the desire, the passion to read the Bible, to meditate on the Bible, the Word of God, to be in the presence of God's people, to not have idols, to not have other things that you worship, to not put other things before God, that desire should be evident. You should love the Lord's ways more than anything, then you will be in the perfect peace of God!



"While he was still speaking, behold, a bright cloud overshadowed them; and suddenly a voice came out of the cloud, saying, "This is My beloved Son, in whom I am well pleased. Hear Him!"" (Matthew 17:5 NKJV)

God was speaking from heaven and He was saying, "This is My beloved Son." Beloved One; adored, respected, appreciated, prized, valued.

Everything that is passionately reflected in the glory and the love of who God is in that statement; beloved Son. This beloved Son, God gave to us. This highly prized, passionately loved Son, He gave to us. So that we who believe in Him, are now cut off from judgement because we have taken the belief of Jesus as the Son of God.

Jesus could take this responsibility because He is the beloved Son! Our responsibility is to know and understand God.

How do we get to know and understand God more progressively? By loving your fellow man. (1 John 4:7)Especially those that you have difficulty loving.

You take the time and the trouble to work it out because you get to know God in working it out; if you're brothers. If you're dealing with someone who's not a brother, you have to understand that they are ruled by darkness.

When you're dealing with someone that's in the world, you're dealing with darkness, and dark spirits will talk through them. Dark spirits will influence you as much as they can so that you don't progressively get to know God. The whole world system is geared to design you to keep you in darkness so you don't get set free from Babylon. So you don't get set free from the way that the world does things.

Those dark forces have created the system that if you belong there, you can work there. But if you're the light and you're outside of that, you don't belong in the darkness so that you can't access that system. They don't want you to access the system because you show them up for what they are; dark, empty vessels that have no life eternally.

But not us, we are God's beloved. Brother Copeland, brother Jerry, pastor John they are God's beloveds because all of their lives they have pursued Him. They have pursued love for Him and they have pursued His love that He has for the Church of the Lord Jesus Christ; to train and educate and impart knowledge to the Church of the Lord Jesus Christ, to their own personal sacrifice.

We have to recognise the principle of My beloved. When you recognise that you've given to a beloved and a favourite, you say, "Now that anointing comes on me. It's on me. I receive it. I'm going to live as a beloved favourite one. I'm going to live as one that is protected by the Most High God. I'm going to live as one who is beloved."

That's why God put this whole principle in place through Jesus. So that when we, who believe in Him, we become favourites. We become beloved. If we will do His word, worship Him, put His commandments in our hearts and live them we become favourites. When you're a beloved, a favourite, you're always in the right place at the right time.

Say: I'm a son of God. Jesus lives in my heart. I am no longer under the control of sin because Jesus lives in my heart. I receive Him as the Loved One. And therefore, I now choose to be a beloved one, to be a favourite one, in the name of Jesus.

