

God's expectation for today's husbands and fathers

- God the Father's best **gift to you, earthly father, on father's day**. The Love of God the Father is the Love of the Cross of Christ, which is the same type of love (sacrificial) earthly father must possess, cherish, proclaim and express, **permanently**, to your wife and children!
- You and I must become **exclusively addicted** to the Cross of Christ for all of LIFE!!

Moses (a former criminal) responded in holy reverence and with much humility to the irresistible tender and radical love of God the Father, who called Moses to become His savior, provider, protector and father figure to God's chosen people. God also called Moses to become a Christ figure to His people and to persevere with them with much compassion and joy, by making His Word supreme in all of life (Deuteronomy 32:47). God is also calling husbands and fathers to be just like Moses, to your wife and children, by loving them with the same love and positions as Moses did so you can be totally committed to say as Joshua said with much humble determination, "...As for me and my house we will serve the LORD (Yahweh)."

We: A Christ-like attitude of meek confidence (Philippians 2:5-8) where our belief becomes unshakable on God's promises.

Will: The only logical, reasonable and real CHOICE that a Christian husband and father can make to love his wife and children with biblical integrity.

Serve: The permanent example and a legacy to our wife and children of our compelling commitment to love and to show the Cross of Christ in all of life as we serve, protect and provide for them with the permanent spirit of compassion.

Main Biblical Text Exodus 15:22-27

God the Father not only met, but sustained over 3 million chosen LIFERS at the GATE (the Hebrew people) with His radically tender and permanent love, but He also orchestrated the biggest, most dramatic, historical and effective "prison brake" by His miracle of creating the way for their release from the biggest prison (much bigger than Angola prison in LA in size and population) in the history of prisons in the world (Egypt). God the Father also made the Hebrews very wealthy people prior to their release (Exodus 3:20-22 32 and 35). Furthermore God provided permanent effective loving "post-prison ministry" to His Christian neighbors even after they turned their temporary and joyful praises of worship of God not for who God the Father Is, Holy and Loving, but rather for what He did for them (a form of idolatry that is sweeping and destroying our homes and churches in America because we are embracing and believing half truths that do not contain the genuine Cross of Christ, which are full lies), and apparent trust, to God and Moses, into rude, bitter complaints of selfish disappointment and curses to God and Moses, just 3 days after God, thru Moses, released them from Egypt by His Mercy and His Amazing Grace (Exodus 15:1-21). Exodus 14:8-14 and 2 Chronicles 7:14.

Introduction

God the Father's Love is **Permanent and unchanging** (Hebrews 13:8. Please notice that when I refer to God I am referring **specifically** to God the Father). God the Father's Love for us has been **permanently** demonstrated exclusively **thru the Love of the Cross of Christ and Christ's permanent resurrection (our permanent receipt)**. Jesus Christ, the Word incarnate, came forth from the Father and Jesus Christ clearly and plainly manifested the love of the Father (John 16:25-33). Christ gave us the Word of the Father (The Word of God) in the beauty of God's perfect character of Love and Holiness. Due to our sinful nature

and sin and for our permanent redemption so that we may believe permanently that God loves us, Jesus came from the Father as the true and permanent Messiah (John 17:6-9, 27). Now, no one will take away our permanent Joy (John 16:22). God the Father loved us (John 3:16 and I John 4:12, 17-5:6) with the Love of the Cross of Christ. **Therefore, we as earthly husbands and fathers must love our wife and children with the love of the Cross of Christ (sacrificially)**, which will validate our love for Him. The Love of the Cross of Christ is the **only** type of love that will render God **fresh** Glory, so He can unleash His **Fresh** Joy into our temples (I Corinthians 3:16-17) thru the Holy Spirit (The Spirit of Truth, who also proceeds from God the Father (John 15:26), who owns (not rents) our human temples, so we may be filled permanently as earthly fathers with God's Shekinah glory (Exodus 40:34-38; Ephesians 2:19-22).

The eternal Love of the Cross of Christ produces, in you, the earthly father 4 permanents:

1. Permanent Joyful Resurrection! **2. Permanent** ability to possess an attitude of repentance, with no trace of resistance to obey the specific and clear commands of God, with *genuine humility* (the main ingredient for you as an earthly husband and father to permanently possess). Humility is to the earthly father as *garlic* is to Cuban black beans, the main ingredient, which produces in you, **3. Permanent Forgiveness** from God, because guilt and unhealthy fear will paralyze you from loving your wife and children and from walking with meekness (power under control) *in the permanent light of Jesus Christ to shine like a star (Daniel 12:3)*. Forgiveness produces, **4. Permanent Healing from your deep hurts and wounds, dissolutions and disappointments, caused not only by your own wrong beliefs, but also by others inflicting pain into you, who have not loved you with the love of the Cross of Christ. However, there is permanent healing and real hope as you do not delay your obedience of Exodus 15:25-26 and 2 Chronicles 7:14 to become receptive to receive and retain the full Truth of the Word of God, so you will know how to respond when challenges and trials come your way, and Living Hope that will never disappoint you. Disappointment with God the Father will lead you into despair and despair will steal your joy. (John 16:22, 27; Exodus 15:25-27; Romans 5:5 and I Peter 1:3)!!! NOTE: Please notice above my intentional repetition of the word "PERMANENT."**

This is what I want you to know and do:

Become a radical participant in loving your wife and children with the permanent love of the Cross of Christ

I earnestly pray and intercede for you as an earthly father to God in Jesus' name (John 16:25-33), that you will permanently believe and thus become **fully convinced, enveloped, compelled, determined and driven** by the radical **supreme** Love of God, which is the love of the Cross of Christ, so you can become a permanent, redemptive, effective responsible husband and father. Your Joy will be fresh as you render to God fresh glory for the benefit of your wife and children, by not delaying your obedience **to be the priest (interceding for them before God the Father without ceasing) and prophet (speaking to them the Word of God, permanently, on behalf of God the Father) of your home!** Please also notice that if you have believed right, as explained above, then you will live right in permanent peace and joy with God, which means that you will never lose the loving redemption, or the permanent fresh joy (your trademark) that goes with it. God fully purchased (Exodus 15:11-17) for you in Christ Jesus and the Cross your eternal and abundant life for now and ever, by Christ's innocent, precious and sinless blood, which continues to be fresh at the foot of the cross today (Exodus 12:12-13; 29-30). In Christ Jesus, in whom you ought to experience **total satisfaction**, you have **all** the tools you need to love your wife and children with the love of the Cross of Christ (sacrificially)! The redemption God provided for His chosen people thru **Moses was paid on credit**. Yours and mine have been paid in full with the full payment of Jesus Christ's human body and sinless blood. (Hebrews 7:22-28 and Hebrews 10). Mr. Marion Wade, founder of ServiceMaster, said it best: **"If you do not live it, you don't believe it."**

Brief practical interpretation of Exodus 15:22-27

Verse 22: Moses (fathers), God's chosen vehicle and provision to provide a **permanent** solution to the people's bitter sin problem. Verse 23: God's test to deal with His people's permanent sinful attitude of ingratitude and rudeness and unwillingness to Worship Yahweh in Spirit, Truth (John 4:23-24) and with permanent fragrance. Verse 24 (cf. Exodus 14:8-10): God shows His people their permanent bitter sin problem. Verse 25: God's precise, permanent prescription for the everlasting solution for His people's (you and I) permanent bitter sin problem. The piece of wood must remind you that the Cross of Christ can take all our bitterness out of us and bring us permanent resurrection and healing. **The Christian must become addicted to the Cross of Christ!** Verse 26: God's permanent promise for His people, which requires from us our permanent obedience, fully rooted in His Mercy (*Hesed*: Deep loyalty and devotion Exodus 15:13-16) for permanent healing as we have been eternally reconciled to God our Father and our fellow humans, which includes your wife and children. Verse 27: God's permanent benefit of permanent peace and joy for you with God the Father, your wife, children and fellow humans.

Take Daily and to the End: The Cross of Christ *is* God *the Father's* precise, exclusive, unchanging Permanent Prescription for your *eternal* Resurrection and Healing. We must be enveloped by the permanent love of the Cross, thru which we must see and experience LIFE with God and others, by also seeing it and experiencing it as our permanent precise prescription to know how to live and experience life (life that was transferred to you by Christ Jesus thru the Cross) and **permanent** joy with God our Father! When the Cross is removed, or substituted by something or someone else from Christ, then there is no possible Resurrection Experience for you because there is no resurrecting power, which means that there is no sweet joyful fragrance of LIFE in you.

Husbands and fathers, the best gift you can give to your children is to love their mother (your wife and bride) with the love of the Cross of Christ (sacrificially): Show daily and tell your wife **4** specific things: 1. I Love you. 2. I need you. 3. I appreciate you, and 4. I do not deserve you. Your bride is God the Father's chosen and precious gift to you to complete you and help you fulfill your responsibility of raising righteous children by clearly showing the Love of the Cross of Christ so they can have a permanent, personal and intimate relationship with Him like Moses did. You will then earn your wife's respect and your children's admiration, respect and love. Husbands and fathers, showing radical love for your wife and children (your closest neighbors) renders to God the Father radical FRESH glory, in which He fully delights. You may use to remember what to show and tell your wife daily the acronym LUNA ("Moon" in Spanish, giving you a romantic atmosphere with your bride).

Do **not react** to God's test and trials (nothing comes to the Christian that does not first go thru the filter of our Absolute Sovereign God), by not Trusting God enough to honor Him as Holy, when they come for your benefit to shine like a star (Daniel 12:3), but rather **act** from your permanent position of the Cross in Christ, by taking daily and to the end God's Precise, loving Permanent Prescription of the Cross of Christ!

Commentary

In Exodus, particularly in Exodus 6:3, God tells Moses that He is now about to be revealed in that aspect of His character signified by *Jehovah—i.e. His covenant relation to Israel as the One who redeems her from sin and delivers her from Egypt.* The Patriarchs (Abraham, Isaac and Jacob) were familiar with the name Jehovah, but their experience of God was largely of Him as El-Shaddai (Genesis 17:1), the One who provided for all their needs (New Scofield Study Bible notes, page 89).

In Exodus 14 and 15, Yahweh uses His elected servant Moses as a type of savior displaying the **holy, loving and suffering servant** character of Christ with much integrity. For you to **become God's type of savior as you ought to be for your wife and children and every other neighbor God chooses to send your way, you must possess God's disposition: a wide and deep capacity to suffer with and for (compassion) your wife and children in order to be able to transfer to them, through your permanent redemptive experience, the love of the Cross of Christ.** Yahweh provided *the Way and Life for God's chosen people*, when there was no human possible way for them to survive. Yahweh, the LORD, promised, and delivered on His promise in spite of His people's rudeness, lack of trust, ungrateful attitudes and desire to continue to be slaves to their sin and old masters (Exodus 14:10-14).

The LORD told the people thru Moses that He was going to fight for them; they were to only be firm and still. Yahweh secured the one time Deliverance they needed (not wanted) from the Egyptians and the *humanly powerful hand of Pharaoh (representing the devil) and his dominant Egyptian army (representing the demons and earthly satanic agents).* Thru the Truth of His Promises, which became realized thru Moses' instant obedience to God's specific commands (Exodus 14:8-31), all the Egyptians were PERMANENTLY defeated, and they were never seen again, SWEPT by the LORD with the chariots and horsemen, covered and buried by the LORD. Sin and death has been defeated for ever. Egypt is no longer an option for you!

Final challenge to husbands and fathers

Please notice that God the Father is choosing and calling you as earthly husbands and fathers to become a man fully committed to the entire Truth of the Gospel. Please know that a half truth is a full lie and a half. Make sure that your vocabulary is not different from your dictionary, the Word of God (I am borrowing from my friend Dr. Erwin Lutzer, Senior Pastor of the Moody Church in Chicago).

Please also know that God wants to give you a fresh start today so you can experience permanent resurrection, forgiveness and healing in your relationship with your wife and children. *God the Father never grows tired of new beginnings. Repent, God is a loving and forgiven God.* God wants for you to become His type of savior, provider and protector, or a type of Christ like Moses who was not qualified. God the Father will never choose and call anyone unless He equips and promises to sustain those He chooses and calls because His reputation and His Glory as well as your fresh joy are at stake. God the Father promises in II Peter 2:10 (reference 2 Peter 1-9 first to get the context of Peter's effective and revolutionary teaching) that if you do not become selective, or resistant or delay your obedience, you will never fall (that means that you will be consistent and maturing in rendering to God the Father fresh Glory so your Joy will also become Fresh at new levels. Finally, please notice that a synthetic Cross of Christ will not work, only the real Cross of Christ as Prescribed in Scripture here in Exodus 15:25.

Please know that the Love of the Cross of Christ mortifies (kills) your human flesh and human appetite for human glory and recognition (idolatry)!

Personal and very intimate illustrations

Manny Jr., my oldest son's, story of permanent redemption, repentance, forgiveness and reconciliation: He said to me on his first visit, and first hour on the grounds of Angola prison in LA as we were having dinner with senior Warden Burl Cain, his family, our family, a senior chaplain, Angola trustees and others, "I hated you so much that if you would have died before today I will not have attended your funeral."

Cesia, my 22 year old daughter's story of permanent reconciliation, forgiveness and of permanent consequence of sin: I will get to attend her wedding, Saturday, July 7th, 2007, however I will not be able to walk her down the aisle, nor will I get to officiate or participate in the wedding.

The late Dr. Kenneth T. Wessner, served as Chairman of the Board for ServiceMaster and Wheaton College, who also became my spiritual daddy in February of 1988, demonstrated to me the love of God thru the Cross of Christ: Dr. Wessner said to me when he found out that I was released from prison early by God's abundant loving Grace: "Manny I am going to help you, however, **you have no room to fail.**" Dr. Wessner's words injected the right loving fear of God within me; Holy fear of reverence and awe not to skip God's Precise Permanent Prescription of the Cross of Christ for me and for you daily and to the end!

Papa Bob Neff: The Love of the Cross of Christ is duplicable and transferable. Papa Neff served for 40 years as Vice President of Moody Broadcasting before his recent permanent graduation into Heaven. When I invited Papa Neff to come to Angola Prison in LA to explore the possibility of planting the first ever Moody Radio affiliate in a prison in America, he said to me, "**Manny I am very busy and very engaged in a lot of responsibilities, however because I love you I will go to Angola prison in LA with you.**" Papa Neff's visit and the great relationship he established with Warden Burl Cain produced the first ever Moody affiliate in a prison in America. Many men who are not able to attend worship services have heard the redemptive message of the Gospel and experienced the permanent Love of the Cross of Christ and eternal life and reconciliation with God the Father, including Frankie Bancroft, Luis Rodriguez, and Miguel Velez in the most restrictive area of Angola prison, all sentenced to natural life in prison.