

Jesus said Do you love me?

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.”*

Here, are the four vital facts concerning God’s Word, which are revealed by Christ: First, the keeping of God’s Word is the supreme distinguishing feature which marks out the disciple of Christ from the rest of the world; second, the keeping of God’s Word is the supreme test of the disciple’s love for God, and the supreme cause of God’s love for the disciple; third, it is through God’s Word, as it is kept and obeyed, that Christ manifests Himself to the disciple; fourth, it is through God’s Word that the Father and the Son together come into the life of the disciple and establish their enduring abode with him.

It is absolutely impossible to overestimate, or overemphasize, the importance of the place of God’s Word in the life of the Christian believer.

The keeping of God’s Word is the supreme distinguishing feature which should mark you out from the world as a disciple of Christ. It is the test of your love for God. It is the cause of God’s love and favour toward you. It is the way that Christ will manifest Himself to you. It is the way that God the Father and God the Son will come into your life and make their abode with you.

Let me put it to you in this way:

Your attitude toward God’s Word is your attitude toward God Himself. You do not love God more than you love His Word. You do not obey God more than you obey His Word. You do not honor God more than you honor His Word. You do not have more room in your heart and life for God than you have for His Word.

Do you want to know how much God means to you? You can easily find out. Just ask yourself, How much does God’s Word mean to me? The answer to the second question is the answer also to the first. God means as much to you as His Word means to you – just that much, and no more.

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Whereby are given unto us exceeding great and precious promises; that by these ye might be partakers of the divine nature, having escaped the corruption that is in the world through lust.

2 Peter 1:4

How “precious” is the Word of God to you? What value do you place on His Word?