

## Sacrificial Love

John 15:12-13

### 1. Introduction

Man is made after the image of God. Man is a child of God and wants to live with Him. Quivering joy with God must be the deepest joy of man. How is it possible to live this way?

### 2. The spiritual ignorance of man

When man disobeyed God the disobedience itself was sin. Man committed sin, and because of sin Satan is claiming fallen man. This is the reason that man's original self is vague and obscure. Man's spirit became rusty, and this is the spiritual darkness.

In order to recover, vivid, and joyful relations with God, man must get rid of Satan. Man has to be separated from Satan.

### 3. How is it possible to get rid of Satan?

#### a) By way of truth

Satan is untrue. Satan is living in the realm of untruth. The darkness can be broken by the light. The realm of untruth will be destroyed by the light of truth. At the time of great temptation Jesus won over Satan by the truth of God, and Satan retreated.

#### b) By sacrificial love

In order to subjugate Satan you must exceed Satan. In order to exceed Satan you have to do what Satan cannot do. What is it that Satan cannot do? Satan has power, position, wisdom, worldly authority and property. Satan can exert any kind of power. But one thing that he cannot do is sacrifice himself for the sake of others. If Satan sacrifices himself for the sake of others Satan cannot remain Satan. Satan's essential nature is selfishness, and there if Satan sacrifices himself he will cease to exist. Therefore as long as Satan is Satan he cannot sacrifice.

Therefore, when you can sacrifice yourself for the sake of the happiness of others then Satan gives you up, because in order to come with you Satan has to make the sacrifice as you do. He never does. He leaves you, and this is the way that you can get rid of Satan.

### 4. The example of Jesus (John 3:16)

When Jesus gave his life for the sake of those who nailed and crucified him, then Satan was speechless. Based on this fact God resurrected Jesus and started Christianity while Satan was silent. Satan surrendered, and this was Jesus' victory.

5. Our way of life

Whatever you may sacrifice for the sake of others you never lose. Your hope, your desire, your plan, your property, your time, and your love. Whatever you give for others, the more you sacrifice, the more you are cutting away Satan around you. This is the way that Jesus went, and this is the way that God Himself went. Therefore this is the way that we should go. Then we will be free from Satan and the Spirit of God will be with us. Our hearts will be filled with joy, and hope, and spirit.

Sacrificial love is the most powerful weapon to subjugate Satan.