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Thank you for joining Brothers of the Word because brother you need the Word!

We certainly welcome all of you joining us by television and those of you joining us at AirJesus.com. Stay tuned to today's message, we're doing part three, something we started a couple of weeks ago entitled, "Loving God With Your Whole Heart" not with a part of your heart, not with some of your heart but loving God with your entire being.

The Bible says to love him with all of your might, with all of your strength, with all of your mind. Love God, we like that one translation that says, love him with all that's in you, love him with all you've got.

And so we're just talking about loving God with our whole heart, giving him wholehearted devotion, love and affection and adoration throughout every part and every fabric of our lives. You know, before I came here today, I was loving God as I was shooting some hoops. I was just red hot, I was just hitting three pointers and I was just loving God while I was – in a rare form.

The other day we played golf and I just love God right there on the golf course and that's the great thing about loving God, it doesn't matter where you are. You can love God no matter where you are. He wants to be a part of our lives and included in every detail of life where we always have God on our mind who is always there in the seat of our affection and our desire is upon him. And there are some wonderful, wonderful things that happens as a result.

We shared last time, we shared several things to help you to love God with your whole heart. We talked about making sure that he is first, putting God first in your life. We talked about making sure that God has the affection of your heart. Sometimes we allow other things to steal our affection where we are more excited and instead in other things and we somehow allow things to steal our affections. So we talked about maintaining your affections. We talked about loving God by having constant conversation with God throughout the day. We also talked about the importance of loving God through his word, meditating on his word, learning his word, knowledge of his word and how we loved God through his word.

We also talked about loving God through wholehearted obedience, being obedient to his voice, obedient to his word. We love God when we obey him. We also talked about loving God by valuing what God values, valuing what God values. And we talked about loving God through worship and praise. That's something we're supposed to do with the whole heart.

So often we are in the sanctuary and everything else is going through your mind during worship and praise. Everything except true worship and praise, we should truly worship God with our whole hearts. What a time that is, he wants us to love

him by worshiping and praising him with our whole heart. And then also we love God by loving our neighbor. The Bible says, how can you love God whom you haven't seen – if you don't love your brother who you see everyday.

So when you love, when you bestow – Jesus said, when you do it unto the least of these – your brethren you've done it also unto me. So we love God by loving our fellow men. So if you want to hug God, find your fellowmen and give them a hug. Share your affection on people, love people. When you love people, you are loving God.

Well, I have a little humor before we get in to Part 3. Let me read my little humor for the day. There was a man who was at the dentist office and as soon as the dentist asked the patient to sit down, the patient pulled out his wallet and seeing this, the dentist said, "Please don't, you don't need to pay me now." The patient answered, "Pay you? I just want to count my money before I'm unconscious".

Open your bibles if you will to 1 Corinthians 2. Today we're looking at "Loving God With Your Whole Heart" and I began to ask the question, God what are the benefits to loving you with our whole heart? What are the blessings? What comes to us as a result of loving you with our whole heart? Not that we love him with our whole heart to get anything but we love him because we love him. We love him because he loved us first. We love him because we love him.

But being the generous benevolent God that he is, he can't help himself. So we'll look at 1 Corinthians 2 and we're going to cover as many scriptures as we can. I have about, I don't know, I just did a treasure hunt through the Bible to find out – What is it that comes to those who love God with their whole hearts?

So we are going to run through about 10 scriptures and gather this treasure. Let's dig and gather everything that the Bible says belongs to us, the blessings that come to us, the benefits that come to us as a result of loving God with our whole heart. Look at 1 Corinthians 2:9. Notice what it says. 1 Corinthians 2:9, notice what it says there. "But as it is written, Eye hath not seen, nor ear heard, neither have entered into the heart of man, the things which God hath prepared for them that love him." Notice that, verse 10, "But God hath revealed them unto us by his Spirit: for the Spirit searcheth all things, yea, the deep things of God."

So the Bible says here that God has prepared some things for those that loved him and we are no longer ignorant to those things because the spirit has revealed him. So, my heart was telling me that there are some benefits, there are some blessings that come from when you love God with your whole heart and his word begins to reveal those things to us.

Let's look at the first one, here's the first place in Scripture I found on benefit. God to Psalms 91, here's the first benefit for loving God with your whole heart. Go to Psalms 91, oh I just love this one. Psalms 91, look at verse 14, it tells you explicitly – I like God he's not even trying to hide it. He is telling you this is a benefit for loving him with your whole heart. Look at Psalms 91:14, notice what it says, "Because he hath set his love upon me Therefore will I deliver him —" So he goes into a discourse of things that will take place in your life because you've set your love upon God, and I got excited when I read it, I said, here it is, here is the beginning of this thing. Here are the things that God promises us, the blessings, the benefits that come to us because we love God with our whole heart. I counted seven things, seven things that happen in our lives as a result of loving God. Notice number one, he says, he'll deliver. He will deliver you. One translation says, I'll get you out of any trouble. I will rescue you and keep you safe.

That's the benefit and then he said, because he set upon me, so this is God saying, because he has set his love upon me, these are the things that I'm going to definitely do for him. I will deliver him. I'll get him out of trouble, I'll rescue and keep him save.

Number two, he says, I'll set him on high. I'll lift you up above the trouble. I'll lift you up out of the danger. I'll promote you. I'll exalt you. Notice that, I'll set him on high. Number three, he says, you can call on him and he'll answer. He will answer you. Ain't that a wonderful blessing? To know that God will answer you when you call on him, see if you call me, I may not answer, you know, often I don't want to answer my phone. Aren't you glad that God doesn't look at his caller ID and you know, decide not to answer, no.

The Bible says that if you set your love on him, you can call on him and he'll answer. He will answer. Maybe he does look at his caller ID and he says, oh wait a minute, that's somebody that loves me. He says excuse me, I got to take this call. He will answer when you set your love on him.

Number four, he says, he'll be with him in trouble. One translation says, he'll be there to protect you, to rescue you. So notice that, he'll deliver you; he'll raise you up out of danger, out of trouble. He'll answer you; he'll be with him in trouble.

I thought about an interesting testimony of a man who was on a – his name is Norman Williams; he was actually on an airliner that collided with another plane. His plane was landing, the other plane was taking off and they collided and his plane was on the runway and burst into flames. I just want to read his testimony. I believe he was the only survivor and he gives his – I was not sure if he was the only survivors but he is one of the survivors but he gives credit to him surviving the crash to his relationship with God.

I want to just read some of his testimonies. He says, "There was instant fire, explosions, screams, falling ceilings, and havoc, searing flames shot through the cabin as explosions blasted through the plane. People who were only inches apart were suddenly separated, one to life and one to death. At that moment I cried out, in the name of Jesus, through your shed blood, I stand upon your word. I have never sensed the presence of the Holy Spirit as I did then. God endowed me with power from on high. I felt like Superman, I was programmed to survive even though I was a part of the tragedy; I was separated from fear and insulated from death. As I looked for a way of escape, I continued to shout, Lord I stand on your Word. At that moment I looked up, miraculously, I noticed that there was a gash in the cabin's ceiling, revealing the sky above.

But it would have been impossible for me to lift my 6-foot 250 pound frame some 10 feet to grab the ragged edges of that blasted fuselage in order to exit. How it happened I will never know, but I did it. I was out and standing on the oily wing from which I jumped 30 feet to the ground below, I hurriedly hobbled away from the burning plane, after going about 100 yards, I heard a loud ground shaking explosion. I jerked myself around. My plane had disappeared in the flaming inferno. Norman said, he believes that his life was spared because for years, he has spent time studying and reading the Bible until its teachings of divine protection had become a part of his inner being.

Also he attributes this miraculous incident to a few moments he and his mom spent together shortly before the flight. We both put our hands on the Bible; he recalled and prayed for protection and safety.

Well, that's exactly what Psalms 91 just said, he says, you set your love upon me, I'll deliver you, I'll set you on high, I'll answer you and I'll be with you in trouble. Now that's what I call being with somebody in trouble. He delivered him, he rescued him and he set him on high, set him on high. Notice he didn't know how he was going to get to that 10 foot tall ceiling. The Bible says he set him on high. God says, I'll set you on high. See, that has all types of different meanings, so when you're in trouble, he'll lift you up out of situations that you don't have any clue of how you are going to get out of them. I'll set you on high. Well that's one of the benefits of loving God with your whole heart, Psalms 91.

Here are some other benefits, Psalms 91:15 says, that he will honor you as a result of you loving him with your whole heart. He'll honor you. One translation says, I'll throw you a party. God will throw a party in your honor. God throws a party in your honor when you love him with your whole heart. He'll honor you.

Then it says, number six, with long life, he satisfies you. Now, this is talking about people that set their love upon them. He will satisfy you with long life. In other words you can live until you are satisfied. You get to seventy five and you're not

satisfied, keep living. You get to 85, you're not satisfied, keep on living. He said he'll satisfy you with long life. You get to 85 you're not quite done, keep on living. See you need to make a bucket list. You need to make a list of everything that you want to accomplish, everywhere you want to go, everything you want to do, all the people you want to see, all the events you want to be a part. You need to have a comprehensive bucket list and if you're 95 years old and there are still some things on your list, the Bible says, you can keep living because you're not satisfied yet.

Folks you can check out of this earth once you've completed your list or you can just lay back and say – God I've done everything I've wanted to do. I've seen my great, great grand children. Oh, I've travelled the world. I've made a lot of money, I've had all type of ideas, I've been everywhere, I've done everything, I've served you, I've ministered the gospel. God I'm ready to go home.

See; once you completed your list, that's what God says, I will leave you hear in the earth until you're satisfied. That's a promise to those who loved him. Ain't that a good promise? He'll satisfy you with long life. He'll satisfy you. With long life – turn to your neighbor and say, live until you're satisfied.

Then number seven, the seventh thing I found there in Psalms 91. He says that he'll show us his salvation. That's his saving power, that is help, that is deliverance, that is victory, and that is welfare. It also implies good health and prospering. He will show you his salvation. That word salvation doesn't mean just going to heaven that is encompassing all of these things, your help, your deliverance, your health, prospering you, your victory. All these things, your welfare – all these things are part of God's salvation.

So those are just seven good things that I found there in Psalms 91, notice what it said, because you set your love upon me, these are the things that I'll do for you. So those are some of the blessings.

Go to Romans 8, here's another one I found and we've got to hurry because I got to get all these in as quickly as we can. I want to show you about ten scriptures really quick just to show these benefits and blessings. Romans 8:28, here's another benefit, notice, it's not hidden, it says it plain right there in your Bible, read it with me, Romans 8:28 “And we know that all things work together for good to them that love God,(that's reserved to those that love God with their whole heart) to them who are the called according to his purpose.”

I like this translation, in fact you can say it this way. Turn to your neighbor and say, “God is always working for your good, because you've set your love upon him, God is always working for your good”. Now, does that mean that every calamity that happens in your life, that God has done that for your good? I don't necessarily believe so. I don't believe, you know, a child dying or a love one dying, or getting

killed. I don't think God is doing that for your good. I think this verse – it's really what it's saying in one sense that really made a lot of sense to me that God, in everything – God is always working for your good.

No matter what happens God is there. He is there to work deliverance. He is there to work healing. He is there to work comfort. He is there to bring you out of – he's there to bring you through it. God is there. God is always working. So it's not necessarily saying that everything that happens to you is for your good because I don't believe a little child getting killed is for that parent's good. But even in that God is going to work for your good. Even though calamity has happened God is going to work for your peace. God is going to work for your well being. God is going to work to bring you through it. God is going to work and make sure that you don't fall apart and that you don't cave in and that you don't quit.

God is going to work to make sure that there are brighter days ahead of you and there are some good things. Listen to this translation – We know that God is always at work for the good of everyone who loves him. They are the ones God has chosen for his purpose. We know that in everything God works for good with those who love him.

So in everything, God is working for your good. Notice that was for those that love him – that I'm going to be always be in everything working for your good. Turn to your neighbor and say, God always works for your good. He always works for your good. That was good. He is going to always work for your good. Okay let's look at some other – okay let's look at some other.

Go quickly to John 14, remember we're doing a treasure hunt you know in order to find treasure you've got to dig for it. So we're doing a treasure hunt through the Bible. God to the gospel of John chapter 14, I simply look for every Scripture that said, because we love God, this is what would happen. John 14 when you get there say Amen, John 14:21 “ He that hath my commandments, and keepeth them, he it is that loveth me: and he that loveth me shall be loved of my Father, and I will love him, and will manifest myself to him.”

Now Jesus is saying if you love him, God is going to love you and he is going to reveal himself in your life. That's the blessing of loving God. It goes on, look at verse 23, it goes on, “Jesus answered and said unto him, 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.” In other words, Jesus said, if you love me, me and my Daddy is going to move in with you. Ain't that a good blessing? Ain't that a good benefit for loving God? He says if you love me, he said, make some room because me and my Daddy is going to move in with you. God moves in with us.

You know the feeling you get when you're walking around knowing God's living on the inside, Jesus is living in the inside with you, wherever they go, they've made their home, they've made their abode in the inside of you. Oh, wherever you go, God's on the inside of me. Man, that cast fear right out. It cast worry right out.

God and Jesus, they live in here. Notice that everywhere I go I'm conscious now. He said if I love him, he and Jesus would abode in me. They will love me and move in. they are on the inside. They are in there. Turn to your neighbor and say, "They are in there". Man, be conscious of that. They are in there it takes the fear right out of you. How can you hurt me, God's living in here. Be careful if you push on me, God's living in here. Be careful.

You better warn some folks. You've got to say – you better think twice before you try to mess with me. I'm not living alone, I've got some roommates, God and Jesus have moved in. They have moved in because they love me. Man I found out benefits for loving God.

Let's go to Deuteronomy, hurry quickly. We got about three minutes – go, go, go Deuteronomy – we're on a treasure hunt, I had a great time of doing this little treasure hunt study. Deuteronomy 7:9 "Know therefore that the Lord thy God, he is God, the faithful God, which keepeth covenant and mercy with them that love him and keep his commandments to a thousand generations;" . Notice he said, to those that love him, he's a God who keeps his covenant and mercy. You have a covenant with God and you have God's mercy to a thousand generations if you love them. That's the promise of loving God.

Also, Deuteronomy, flip over to Deuteronomy 11, hurry up we got just a couple of minutes, Deuteronomy 11:13-15, "And it shall come to pass, if ye shall hearken diligently unto my commandments which I command you this day, to love the Lord your God, and to serve him with all your heart and with all your soul, (14) That I will give you the rain of your land in his due season, the first rain and the latter rain, that thou mayest gather in thy corn, and thy wine, and thine oil. (15) And I will send grass in thy fields for thy cattle, that thou mayest eat and be full."

So notice, God will cause you to begin to flourish. God will cause you to begin to flourish because you love him. Look at the same chapter love at verse 22, you'll see it again, read verse 22-25, "[22] For if ye shall diligently keep all these commandments which I command you, to do them, to love the Lord your God, to walk in all his ways, and to cleave unto him; [23] Then will the Lord drive out all these nations from before you, and ye shall possess greater nations and mightier than yourselves. [24] Every place whereon the soles of your feet shall tread shall be yours: from the wilderness and Lebanon, from the river, the river Euphrates, even unto the uttermost sea shall your coast be. [25] There shall no man be able to stand

before you: for the Lord your God shall lay the fear of you and the dread of you upon all the land that ye shall tread upon, as he hath said unto you.”

So notice, God brings victory and increase into your life because you love him. He said, if you all will keep the commandment, to love God with all your heart, he’s going to bring victory – turn to your neighbor and say, “Victory and increase.”

Now, we don’t have time to turn to the others. I’m just going to read them out quickly. Psalms 145:20 says that, he that loves God, God will preserve him. God will renew your youth when you love God, he will renew your youth. Have you all seen my mother lately? My mother is almost 76 years old but she has the youthfulness of a woman half her age, and that’s because God preserves those who love him. So he preserves, he takes care of those, sticks by those who love them. And that’s Psalms 145:20, if you want to read that in your own study.

Here’s the last two, 2 Chronicles 16:9 “the eyes of the Lord run to and fro throughout the whole earth, to show himself strong in the behalf of them whose heart is perfect toward him—” or people who are wholeheartedly following God and loving God. So the eyes of the lord are running to and fro to show himself strong – to be a strong support, strength to bring aid to those that love him. And then the final one, Psalms 37:4 says that, “Delight thyself also in the Lord; and he shall give thee the desires of thine heart.”

Delight means, if you’ll enjoy God, spend time with him in joy – in other words you’ve loved God with all your heart he will give you the desires of your heart. Give the Lord some praise for that. Amen, amen.