

LOVE

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LESSON ONE

**THE BIBLE IS THE
STORY OF LOVE**



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**WHAT DO YOU
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JOHN 3:16

- "For God so loved the world that He gave His only begotten Son, that whosoever believeth in Him should not perish, but have everlasting life"

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- **WHEN?**

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1 PETER 1

- **18 knowing that you were not redeemed with corruptible things, like silver or gold, from your aimless conduct received by tradition from your fathers,**
- **19 but with the precious blood of Christ, as of a lamb without blemish and without spot.**

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•20 He indeed was foreordained **before the foundation of the world**, but was manifest in these last times for you

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- **WHY?**

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1John 4:8

• He who does not love does not know God, **for God is love.**

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- **YOU CANNOT LOVE WHEN THERE IS NO OBJECT TO LOVE!**

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Eph. 1:4

Just as **He chose us in Him**
before the foundation of the
world, that we should be holy
and without blame **before Him**
in love...

WHAT DO YOU SEE WHEN YOU OPEN THE BIBLE?

ROM. 13:8-10

- Love **is what** initiated God's redemption plan for us.
- Love fulfils the intent of the law because **all** things can be **summarized** and fulfilled by love.
- This love equips and enables us **to love** one another in a deep and genuine manner.

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MATTHEW 22:34-40

- **34 But when the Pharisees heard that He had silenced the Sadducees, they gathered together.**
- **35 Then one of them, a lawyer, asked Him a question, testing Him, and saying...**

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MATTHEW 22:34-40

- **36 "Teacher, which is the great commandment in the law?"**

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MATTHEW 22:34-40

- **37 Jesus said to him," 'You shall love the LORD your God with all your heart, with all your soul, and with all your mind.'**
- **38 "This is the first and great commandment.**

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MATTHEW 22:34-40

- **39 "And the second is like it: 'You shall love your neighbour as yourself.'**

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MATTHEW 22:34-40

•40 "On these two commandments hang all the Law and the Prophets."

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GALATIANS 5:14

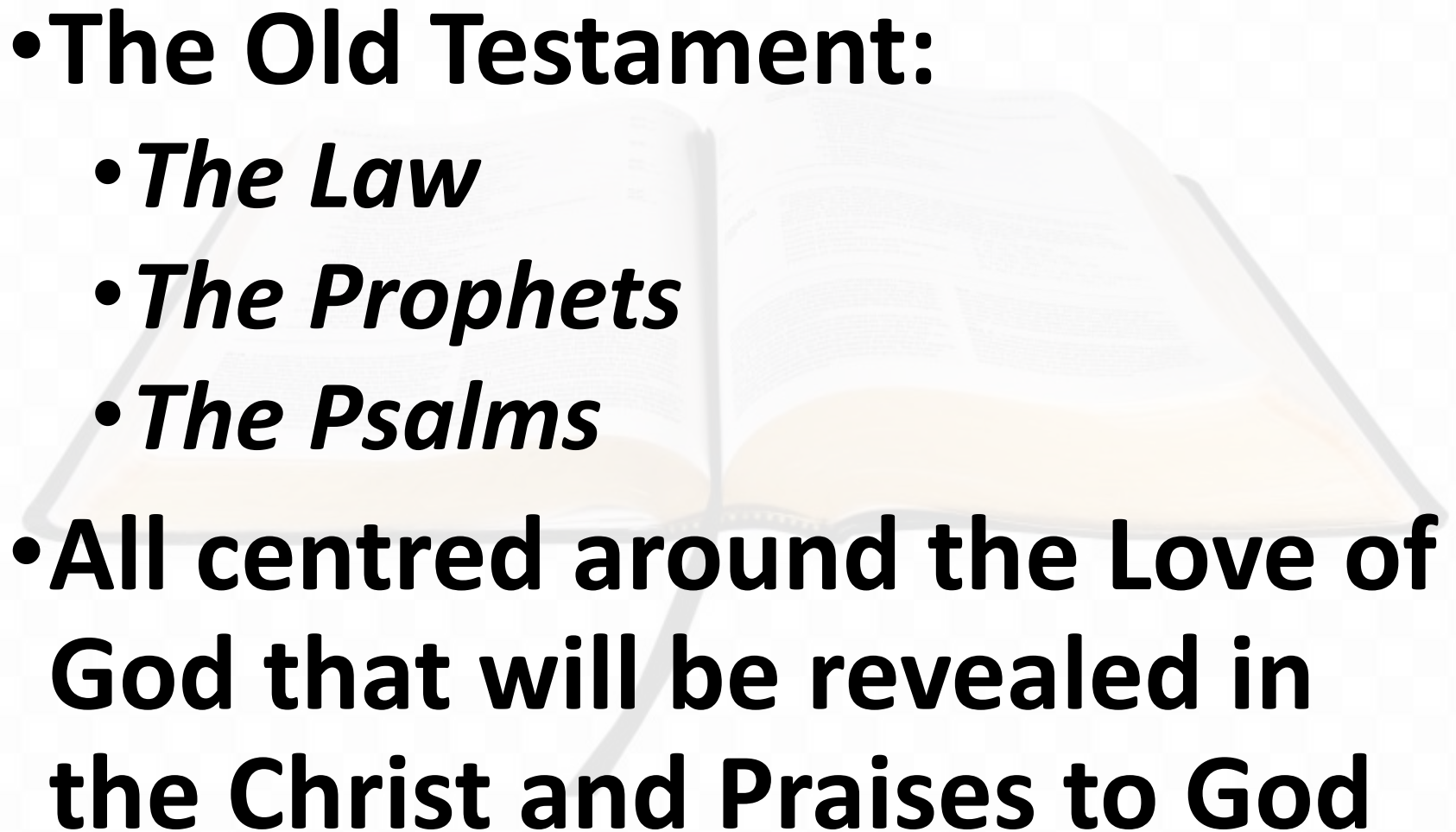
- For all the law is fulfilled in one word, even in this: **"You shall love your neighbours as yourself."**

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LUKE 24:44

- 44 Then He said to them, "These are the words which I spoke to you while I was still with you, that all things must be fulfilled which were written in **the Law of Moses** and **the Prophets** and **the Psalms** concerning Me."

WHAT DO YOU SEE WHEN YOU OPEN THE OLD TESTAMENT?

- **The Old Testament:**
 - *The Law*
 - *The Prophets*
 - *The Psalms*
 - **All centred around the Love of God that will be revealed in the Christ and Praises to God**
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**• LOVE
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GOD DEMONSTRATED

•ROMANS 5:8

•8 But God demonstrates His own love toward us, in that while we were still sinners, Christ died for us.

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HE REQUIRES THAT MAN RECIPROCATES

•1 JOHN 3

•16 By this we know love, because He laid down His life for us. **And we also ought to lay down our lives for the brethren.**

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•1 JOHN 3

•17 But whoever has this world's goods, and sees his brother in need, and shuts up his heart from him, how does the love of God abide in him?

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• 1 JOHN 3

- 18 My little children, let us not love in word or in tongue, but in deed and in truth.
- 19 And by this we know that we are of the truth, and shall assure our hearts before Him.



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LOVE IS COSTLY

- Acts 20:28

- "Therefore take heed to yourselves and to all the flock, among which the Holy Spirit has made you overseers, to shepherd the church of God which He purchased with His own blood.

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THERE IS NO LOVE WITHOUT SACRIFICE.

• **John 3:16**

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