

THOUGHT FOR THE DAY:

Blessed is the man who endures temptation; for when he has been approved, he will receive the crown of life which the Lord has promised to those who love Him.
(Loving God Under Trials)

James 1:12

LOVE COMES FROM GOD

Who can deny that we are under dire stress in the world today? With all the wars and rumors of wars we are being faced with, and the violence being released in our nation, hearts are becoming discouraged. Faith in God is being sorely tested. We know that Satan is the culprit behind the hell being loosed upon our land. We also know that the powers of darkness, his cohorts, are carrying out his destruction in devious and terrifying ways, thus the fight between good and evil is producing exhaustion, is wearing down mankind. We need to be strong in the Lord.

We have just honored those fallen Americans from the of the "9-11 Twin Towers" horrible tragedy and all it entails, when we see on FB today, only five days later, this posted. Even though it is said to be fake equipment and such, how can people who claim to be loyal American even display such a parade? How can the city of NY who lost the Twin Towers and 3,000 people allow this display; this dishonoring of our nation and the values we hold dear? Where was the mayor of NYC and his staff? Where was any of the NY leadership? Why was this parade allowed? I cannot say everything posted on FB is true, so if it's true, then my statement stands. If it is false and didn't happen, and if I got the facts wrong, then I apologize for my mistake and the words I wrote. Either way, unless I am missing something here, this kind of demonstrations should never have taken place on American soil in the first place! My heart is sadden for the loved ones left behind that have to see such display on their day of loss and sorrow. America, wake up!



I'm sorry but this is really so ridiculous. Yes just come take our nation! Men died for our country!!! They did so because they believed in an America that honors God. Shame on NY. (This is one comment added to FB post)

(Guns and fake hangings at today's Muslim Day Parade down Madison Avenue, in NYC Also a comment - see link)

So, where am I going with this? To remind people that above all things, love comes from God, and love is what His children are called forth to exhibit. Satan's plans are to instill pain, and to cause people to feel and live in fear. His plans; intimidate people with the unknown and brutality that comes from terrorists. What does God have to say about Satan's plans? Read 2 Timothy 1:7. God clearly tells us that He has not given us a spirit of fear, but of power and of love and of a sound mind.

We are told in 1 John 4:7-13 – "That we should love each other, because love comes from God. These scriptures tell us that people know you by God's love and if you do not love, you do not know God. Why? Because God is love. Therefore, God showed us his love by sending His only begotten Son to become the way, the sacrifice, to take away our sins. He provided the way through Jesus Christ. The Word continues to tell us that if we love God, He lives in us, and it is made perfect in us. In verse 13, it tells us that we know that we live in God and God lives in us. How can we know this truth? Because God gave us his Holy Spirit. God is love and we can trust that love. The Holy Spirit is also called the Comforter, the teacher and He is joined with God and Christ. He does the work of God among people in the world.

The Bible continue to tell us in verse 18, that where God's love is, there is no fear, because God's perfect love casts out all fear. And in verse 19, it tells us that we love because God first loved us. Fear can cause dire problems. Our thought process becomes jumbled and confusion sets in. wisdom is thrown out the door along with clarity of mind. We're prone to make foolish decisions that can impact our lives in frightening ways. Fear can turn into anger and quickly result in retaliation and paybacks. When we are being maligned, it is difficult to forgive that person, yet the Lord requires we do just that. Love requires we do just that.

We must guard against the evil designs Satan plans for us, by staying in proper relationship with our Lord Jesus. His love keeps us balanced in all our ways, for He, is the way! He is the truth! He is the life and in Him we have our being!