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Valentine's Day

Well, here we are at another Valentine's Day and another February. While this annual holiday makes many people crazy, it really does very little for me. The reason it's crazy for people is that this holiday makes us feel obligated to do things that for some weird reason we don't think to do other times of the year, like say I love you, or give flowers, or have a nice dinner, etc. Why do these things seem to only be shoved to last minute throw-togethers just for this one day, but then seem to be completely forgotten the other 364 days of the year (365 days on leap years)? Shouldn't you treat your loved ones the same every day, every month, every year?

For me, I've worked several times on this lovely holiday as a delivery driver, delivering orders to people who sometimes were irate that their meal was 30 minutes late, despite the hundreds of orders per hour and all workers working a full capacity! Or those people who didn't tip because it's "just part of the job" to deliver even though the convenience is for them not me. While some of the drivers made very good tips, my tips weren't that much higher than a good day on some other day. Well, whatever.

I have other stories of strange Valentine's Days, but I'm not going to talk about them.



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The main point of this holiday is about love. It's not about gifts, not about sex, not about commercialism, not about buying or selling things, nor about outdoing yourself or others in how "great" you can make this day fancy or even special. The day is to remember and fuel up on true love. Love is an action and a choice, never is a feeling. Refer to my "weekly scripture" to get some more details.



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^ Aaaaawwwwww...

Uh, huh. Busted again! ->



Proverbs 22:11

“

He who loves purity
of heart

And has grace
on his lips,

The king will be
his friend.

”



*Snow farmer I made back in
February 2004.*



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Defining Love

February 10, 2013 near Colorado
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Weekly Scripture: February 10-16,
2013

This is an interesting week. Tuesday is the pagan holiday of Mardi Gras (French for fat Tuesday) or Carnival, which is the worldly party to beat all parties to "get in your last sins" before "becoming holy" by giving up something for Lent for 40 days starting on Ash Wednesday. While I could go off into describing the many reasons and false beliefs of these worldly traditions, I would rather focus attention on something far better like Valentine's Day. However, the world has taken this holiday as well and corrupted it into a feast of lust and self greed with a false cover of "giving"! Instead, let me explain to you the real meaning of love and giving, which will blow away all the worldly concepts.

Let's start with the scripture most people know, John 3:16: "For God so loved the world that He gave His only begotten Son, that whoever believes in Him should not perish but have everlasting life." Unfortunately, this scripture is used so frivolously and so often that people really don't grasp the true weight of this statement! Let's show this Word in a different light that is sure to excite your spirit.

Turn to Deuteronomy 26:8-9. This scripture states, "8 So the Lord brought us [the Jews] out of Egypt with a mighty hand and with an outstretched arm, with great terror and with signs and wonders. 9 He has brought us to this

place and has given us this land, "a land flowing with milk and honey";" Now, verse 8 summarizes when Moses and the whole of the people Israel left Egypt after the plagues. As it was, they left with plenty that was literally given to them by the Egyptians simply to leave. Then God protected them with signs and wonders like the pillar of smoke by day and a pillar of fire by night and the walking on dry land through the parted Red Sea. God was leading them to the land of Canaan where it was described as "a land flowing with milk and honey". It took 40 years, but by the time they got there with the next generation of Jews, the promise still stood!

Now, let's think about this for a minute: a land flowing with milk and honey. To have honey, you have to have bees. If you have honeybees, you have an abundance of flowering vegetation for the bees to get the nectar to make honey. Likewise, if you have lots of milk, you have cattle, goats, and sheep to get the milk. And to support all that livestock, you must have an abundance of grass. To have an abundance of flowering vegetation and grass, you must have a land of good soil and plenty of water in the form of lakes, rivers, and rain. What all this means is that God created this awesome ecosystem cycle to support this rich environment AND (here's the best part!), He's giving it to us! Are we not as Christians the seed of Abraham through Christ Jesus? So not only has God given us Jesus to take away our sins and trashed life, He has cleaned us up, made us holy unto Himself, given us eternal life with Him, and given us a life of victory right here on earth (among so much more in authority and power). And not only that, He gives us the rich, abundant land that flows with life and sweet mercies and forgiveness!

Don't ever again take lightly the promises and gifts God gives us as some mere nicety of statement! Seek the truth and accept God's abundant life and gifts!

1 Corinthians 13:1-7, 13 (NKJV)

1 Though I speak with the tongues of men and of angels, but have not love, I have become sounding brass or a clanging cymbal. 2 And though I have the gift of prophecy, and understand all mysteries and all knowledge, and though I have all faith, so that I could remove mountains, but have not love, I am nothing. 3 And though I bestow all my goods to feed the poor, and though I give my body to be burned, but have not love, it profits me nothing.

4 Love suffers long and is kind; love does not envy; love does not parade itself, is not puffed up; 5 does not behave rudely, does not seek its own, is not provoked, thinks no evil; 6 does not rejoice in iniquity, but rejoices in the truth; 7 bears all things, believes all things, hopes all things, endures all things.

13 And now abide faith, hope, love, these three; but the greatest of these is love.