

Basis of the Ministry in the Church

Scripture reading: Psalm 103:13

Some of us believe that godliness is coming to church, singing, playing, and prophesying. God is saying that you can come to church and speak with the tongues of angels and men, and not have the love of God in your heart (1 Corinthians 13:1). And He says ALL your manifestation is vain!

I began to learn love when God gave me a wife. Strange enough, I had the love of God. He gave me His love, He gave me salvation, but it was a new dimension of learning when I got married. Oh, yes! You have to learn that here you are, strong, very active, and full of life, and you are dealing with a delicate person who might not be feeling too well this morning. “What about my breakfast?” Huh? “What is going on this morning?” You never inquired to find out that she wasn’t feeling well. You should have gone out and made the breakfast for her. You have children and sometimes the children are not really feeling right. You have to have bowels of compassion for them.

The scriptures speak of God being El Shaddai. Do you know what that means? El Shaddai means the big breasted father God, who has milk to feed all His children with, and to supply them. That is the only way that our language can express a certain part of God, El Shaddai. Do you know that God put El Shaddai in the Body, among you? That God put His El Shaddai compassion spirit upon you? But some of us only have compassion for our own children! We don’t consider the suffering of others out there that need us.

God put mothers in your midst, mothers whom you are supposed to listen to, fathers whom you are supposed to listen to, those who must have compassion on you in the Spirit. There is a scripture which, of course, the theologians really stumble over. I don’t stumble over it. God said in Psalm 103:13, *Like as a father pitieth his children, so the LORD pitieth them that fear him.* The theologians say, “Oh no, no, no. It is wrong. It should have said, ‘As a mother.’” However, the word used there is El Shaddai, and it means a strong, powerful, Father love.

Love between husband and wife is the basis of the love and the ministry in the church. God said a man should not be an elder unless he had a wife and brought up children. So it is your wife that is making you an elder. Now, if you don’t treat that wife properly, then you cannot be an elder. God is teaching you, but remember, we go step by step. So, if you haven’t taken the first step, how are you going to take the second? How are you going to have compassion on the people of God? How are you going to love the people of God? How are you going to pour out life upon them if you can’t do it to your wife? Yes! Sometimes God sits by and allows the wife to provoke you. She provokes you, and then the devil comes upon you, and you get mad. God says, “Now that you are mad, what are you going to do about it? Are you going to get rid of that madness, because it is the thing that is destroying your ministry, your life? As a Son of God, you are losing out!” That’s why he said in 1 John 3:7, *“Little children.”* He said, “My little children,” because you haven’t grown up to the point yet where he could call you, “My sons.”

“NOW are we the Sons of God, but it really does not yet appear what we shall be” (1 John 3:2a). You notice he did not talk about daughters of God. He doesn’t have any daughters. When a person reaches a certain level with God, God says, “My son.” I trust, you women, know why you are women. Do you know why you are women? It is not just for the procreation of the species. It is also because the woman is the other half of the man and there is no strength in a church unless the man and the woman come together. That’s where our strength is. Therefore, the very glue that holds the church together is love.

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