

Sunday – March 10, 2019

Pastor David Higa
The Father's Love
Genesis 22:1-19

Then He said, "Take now your only son Isaac, whom you love, and go to the land of Moriah, and offer him there as a burnt offering on one of the mountains of which I shall tell you. [Genesis 22:2]

Love is probably one of the most important words in the Bible; and, interestingly enough, this is the first time the word is found in the Bible.

There is a study method that takes the first use of a word in the Bible; and usually the word's first use in Scripture sets the pattern for its use throughout the Bible. This is what is known as "The Law of First Mention" in biblical interpretation.

The first mention of the word "love" in the Bible is interestingly enough the love of a father for his son. We hear a lot of motherly love; but the first mention of love in the Bible is not of a mother for her child, or of a husband for his wife, but it is of the father for his son. 'Take now your son, your only son Isaac, whom you love.'

Turning to the New Testament, what is the first mention of love in the New Testament? In Matthew's Gospel we are told when Jesus was baptized that the voice of God spoke from heaven, saying, 'This is My beloved Son,' the love of the Father for the Son (Matt. 3:17). In Mark's Gospel, the first mention of love was also at the baptism of Jesus where Mark recorded the voice from heaven, saying, 'You are My beloved Son' (Mark 1:11). And, in Luke's Gospel the first mention of love was again at the baptism of Jesus when God said, 'You are My beloved Son' (Luke 3:22).

But what is the first mention of love in John's Gospel? Can you guess? Of course, you can! 'For God so loved the world that He gave His only begotten Son...' (John 3:16). God's love for the world, 'My beloved Son, in whom I'm well pleased.' God was giving His beloved Son.

- Chuck Smith [Word for Today Bible Comment]

Weekly Ministries:

Sun Morning Services – at Rosemont ES w/ Spanish translation.
7:30 am
9:30 am with Children's ministry.
11:30 am with Children's ministry & Teens ministry [6th-9th grades].

Sun Evening Service – HT Office. *Joshua*.
6:30 pm with Children's ministry.

Mon Evening Men's Fellowship – at HT Church Office.
6:30 pm Worship, Prayer, and Bible Study.

Tue Evening Ladies Fellowship – at HT Church Office.
7:00 pm Worship, Prayer, and Bible Study.

Wed Afternoon Elderly Ministry – at Los Feliz Gardens in Glendale.
3:30 pm See Carl for details.

Wed Evening Service – at Rosemont ES with Children's ministry.
7:30 pm Old Testament Bible Study – *Job*.

Sat Afternoon Elderly Ministry – at City View Villas.
2:00 pm See Carl for details.

Worship Services:

Sundays at 7:30, 9:30, 11:30 a.m.
Wednesdays at 7:30 p.m.

Rosemont Avenue Elementary School
421 N. Rosemont Ave., Los Angeles, 90026

Sunday Evening at 6:30 p.m.
Church Office - The Hidden Treasure Bookshop
1822 W. Temple Street, Los Angeles, 90026

Announcements

Wednesday Evening Midweek Service

Join us every Wed evening at 7:30 pm right here at the Rosemont ES auditorium for our midweek study of the Old Testament. We are currently in the Poetry Books and are studying the book of Job. Why do good people suffer? What are our motives for serving God? These are key philosophical questions that are posed through Job's afflictions.

VA Outreach 1st & 3rd Saturdays of the Month

Remember every 1st & 3rd Sat of the month we minister at the VA Hospital in West Los Angeles. Please see Sal or Mike for details if you'd like to join us.

Weekly Fellowship

Fellowship with other Christians is one of the keys to growing in your spiritual walk with the Lord. We have several weekly fellowships and places to serve throughout the week so please make sure to get involved in one of our smaller groups listed to the left.



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Daily Bible Reading: 03/11 – 03/17: Joshua 1-24. Reading plan at Info Table.

Spanish Translation is available during our services using small remote earpiece units. Please come to the Information Table.

Prayer Requests: We are available for prayer right after the service or you can fill out a **Prayer Card** and drop it in the offering box.

As a courtesy, please turn off cell phones and pagers during service.