

4.B. CONCLUSIONS ARISING FROM THE DOCTRINE OF COMMUNION WITH THE FATHER IN LOVE

Many of us saints have no greater burden in our lives in that our hearts do not constantly delight and rejoice in God. There is still in us some drawing back from a close walk with God. Too often it could be a case of some early experience of God having been used as a threat against our behaviour. Be that as it may, we have now passed from darkness to light in our being born again.

A new personage and a new approach to the source of our new life. Now, the more we see of God's love, so much more shall we delight in Him. This should be because the veil that existed between Moses and the people has now been taken away by our enlightenment by the Holy Spirit.

If the love of a father will not make his child delight in him, what will? Let us set our thoughts on the eternal love of the Father and experience the arousal of our hearts to delight in Him. The love of God is received by us in faith.

Does not obedience lead to faith? We are commanded to love the Lord our God. We now know that God loves us "because He has given us His Spirit". **1 JN 4:16** The source of all truth is in God. The source of all love is in God.

Although there be some that say God cannot possibly love me because of all the sin in my heart. We are to put aside mans' reasoning and seek wisdom from on high to understand and accept what God is saying to us in His word. **ROM 5:8** "While we were still sinners, Christ died for us". This is a powerful demonstration of God's love for us. Being obedient, having faith and hope are what bring Glory to God.

We come back to recognizing the unspeakable privilege of being a child of God. Men are generally honoured by the company they keep. If they stand in the company of princes, they are well thought of. That is a secular honour that many devout Christians would not place too much importance on. The children of God have access to the throne of God. As the Holy Spirit reveals to us the majesty and Glory of God, so we begin to understand the great honour that God has bestowed on us - this is the love of God that we enjoy. The Queen of Sheba commended the servants of Solomon who stood before him, but we stand before the King of Kings and Lord of Lords. And this is forever, not just for our earthly life.

An earthly King cannot speak peace to our hearts, this is the exclusive domain of God Himself. As we suffer the slanders of the world, the Father comforts us as a mother comforts her child. **ISA 66:13** Why does a mother comfort her child? It is through love and compassion. When a child is accosted by unkind in the world, it runs home to its mother. We too have that great comfort and assurance by retreating in prayer into the presence of our Father in heaven, who cares and loves us beyond compare. "There is in my Father everything I desire".

We as Christians possess something (fellowship with God) that the outside world does not possess, that is why we are considered as foolish dreamers. Christians are looked on as despicable whims, but in fact "they are indeed the only great and noble persons in the world" Those of the faith are our brothers and sisters in the Lord.

There is a difference between true and false Christians, and that difference is primarily in the heart. False Christians act outwardly as true Christians, but it is what goes on in the heart that God sees. Saints hold communion with God, because of God's love for His children. Hypocrites have communion with the world through their lusts.

For true believers, in the multitude of their thoughts and tribulations, the comforts of God their Father revive their souls.

What sort of people ought we to be in our response to God, and in our manner of behaviour? Our God is a consuming fire against sin. There is nothing in common with sin and holiness. We are to reject our thoughts of actions in sins and lusts. "An unholy heart cannot abide with God."

Thinking much about God and His goodness to us, His Holiness, is a positive motivation for holiness in our own lives. Secular loose walking in life is quite contrary to Holy living. The love of the Father and of the world are wholly incompatible. We cannot serve God and money.

To have communion with God, is to reject the temptations and lusts of our hearts. To have communion with God is to have frequent fellowship with God in prayer, and in our thoughts. "May the Lord open our eyes that we may see and know that walking with God is a matter, not of outward appearance, but of inward reality".