

## **Daily Devotional**

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**Theme:** The Love of God

**Text:** *Deuteronomy 6:5, NIV*

*Love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your strength.*

**Thought:** God taught Abraham what it meant to believe in God with all his heart. Moses taught Israel that the first and greatest commandment is to love God with all their heart and soul. God is the loving Creator, and Man has been created in His image to be the object of His love.

The nation of Israel was not capable of living out this commandment. But at the end of his life Moses could declare, “The Lord your God will circumcise your hearts and the hearts of your descendants, so that you may love him with all your heart and with all your soul, and live: (Deuteronomy 30:6). This was the first indication of a New Covenant that was to come, a covenant of which Jeremiah later also spoke— a law that would be written on the hearts of people by the Holy Spirit so that mankind would walk God’s road.

Most Christians easily shrug this off as being impossible to do. But the message of the bible is that all that is worthy of God is an undivided heart that God *Himself will give and work in us*. That is the gift of grace that God will bestow on those who ask for, expect, and eagerly await the fulfillment of His promise.

Think seriously of the promise in Romans 5:5: “And hope does not disappoint us, because God has poured out his love into our hearts by the Holy Spirit, whom he has give us.” To love God with your whole heart is surely grace and a glorious reality.” Be still before God and wait on Him until He makes His promise a reality in you. This is what a life of faith of faith means.

**Prayer:** Heavenly Father, I pray that every day Your Spirit will make my love increase in quality and quantity.