

St James' Thought for the Day – Wednesday 10th June 2020

Loving God and Trusting in Him - by Revd John Ohen

Our world is facing a lot of challenges today to mention a few, climate change, racism, Covid-19, and unrest. What is our stand in all of these?

Why is it that we like to impress others by what we do instead of looking up to God? In most cases it is because we are not secure in the knowledge that God loves us. As we grow and become more confident in God's love, we shall no longer be driven by the need for other people's approval and we will become secure in the knowledge of our Heavenly Father's love.

We must be confident that God loves us, just as we are and whatever we do. When we fail, we can turn to our God for forgiveness and mercy. We are reconciled with God through the blood of Jesus which was shed for us on the cross of Calvary. We are loved and, with His open arms, He invites us to reach out to Him. So, let us turn to Christ and be strong in our faith.

Prayer:

Lord fill us with deeper knowledge of your love for us. Help us to build up your kingdom here on earth and teach us to judge always with your wisdom what is in the heart with love for you now and always.

Bible Verse: ...but just as we have been approved by God to be entrusted with the gospel, so we speak, not to please man, but to please God who tests our hearts.

1 Thessalonians 2: 4

Hymn: Love divine, all love excelling - you can listen to it [here](#)

Love divine, all loves excelling,
Joy of heaven to earth come down,
Fix in us thy humble dwelling,
All thy faithful mercies crown.
Jesu, thou art all compassion,
Pure, unbounded love thou art;
Visit us with thy salvation,
Enter every trembling heart.

Breathe, O breathe thy loving Spirit

Into every troubled breast,
Let us all in thee inherit,
Let us find that second rest.
Take away the love of sinning,
Alpha and Omega be;
End of faith, as its beginning,
Sets our hearts at liberty.

Come almighty to deliver,
Let us all thy life receive;
Suddenly return and never,
Never more thy temples leave.
Thee we would be always blessing,
Serve thee as thy hosts above,
Pray, and praise thee without ceasing,
Glory in thy perfect love.

Finish then thy new creation,
Pure and spotless let us be;
Let us see thy great salvation,
Perfectly restored in thee;
Changed from glory into glory,
Till in heaven we take our place,
Till we cast our crowns before thee,
Lost in wonder, love and Praise.