

Everlasting Love

*The Lord appeared to us in the past, saying:
"I have loved you with an everlasting love;
I have drawn you with unfailing kindness."
Jeremiah 31:3 (NIV)*

Looking back over our adult lives we see how we gradually modify ourselves in many ways. We are not what we were, and we are not what we want to be. But we forge ahead to become what we should be in the grand scheme of our heavenly Father.

As we progress, we sense the drawing power our heavenly Father daily exercises on our lives. We also enjoy the everlasting love of our Father as we continue the journey to the "celestial city". We all need love and to be loved eternally is a tremendous blessing and motivates us to move forward with confidence and with enthusiasm.

This everlasting love is a love that is eternal, unfading and that cannot be withdrawn for any reason. It is as certain as the character of God Himself. The word of the Lord to Jeremiah stands true for every child of God. Jeremiah 1:4-5 (NIV) reads,

"The word of the Lord came to me, saying, 'Before I formed you in the womb I knew you, before you were born I set you apart; I appointed you as a prophet to the nations.'"

The Lord knew Jeremiah before he was conceived and formed him in the womb and God lov-

ingly appointed him to his work as a prophet. Just so He has known you eternally and has a unique role for you to fill as you journey on to heaven. Learn to lean on the Lord. Remember the words of Deuteronomy 33:27 (NIV)

"The eternal God is your refuge, and underneath are the everlasting arms."

When we truly understand just how privileged we are as children of the most high God we will trust more fully in His amazing grace. A father of the modern missionary movement William Carey once said, "Expect great things from God attempt great things for God."

Knowing these things about God and your remarkable relationship to Him, exactly what are you expecting from Him? Further what great things are you attempting for Him?

Perhaps a great thing for you is to rid yourself of a nagging sin. Heed the advice of Hebrews 12:1 (NIV)

"Therefore, since we are surrounded by such a great cloud of witnesses, let us throw off everything that hinders and the sin that so easily entangles. And let us run with persever-

ance the race marked out for us..."

Make the following hymn your prayer today.

O Master, let me walk with thee
In lowly paths of service free;
Tell me thy secret, help me bear
The strain of toil, the fret of care.

Help me
the slow of heart to move
By some clear,
winning word of love;
Teach me
the wayward feet to stay,
And guide them
in the homeward way.

Teach me
thy patience; still with thee
In closer, dearer company,
In work that keeps faith
sweet and strong,
In trust
that triumphs over wrong.

In hope that sends a shining ray
Far down the future's
broad'ning way,
In peace
that only thou canst give,
With thee, O Master, let me live.

© Rumford Ministries
www.RumfordMinistries.org
Some rights reserved