

Ministry : **Pulpit Ministry 2021 Bilingual Worship**

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Title : **“Whom having not seen you love”**

Text : **1 Peter 1:8**

INTRODUCTION

1. Theme for Sep-Oct 2021 Pulpit series – Blessed be God
 - a. Some reasons why we want to bless the Lord
 - b. Our part to fulfil alongside blessing God

2. Today's focus – Subject of loving the Lord
 - a. One of the best things to do alongside blessing God – love
 - b. We want to learn how we can love the Lord Jesus
 - c. The apostle Peter – a wonderful example of loving the Lord Jesus
 - i. He did not begin with a love for the Lord Jesus (John 1:40-42)
 - ii. But he grew to love the Lord Jesus in a very special way

LEARNING ABOUT THE LORD'S LOVE

1. We begin with learning about the Lord's love for us
 - a. The Lord loves each one of us very much
 - b. We need to learn about His love in order to love Him in return

2. What Peter learned about the Lord's love

- a. The Lord's love in giving salvation (John 3:16-17)
 - i. God's love – for the whole world
 - ii. The greatest expression of His love – He gave His only begotten Son
 - iii. The result of His great act of love – We can believe in Him and be saved for everlasting life

- b. The Lord Jesus' love in caring for His people (John 10:1-16)
 - i. He knows each one intimately
 - ii. He protects them from danger
 - iii. He provides for them
 - iv. He would even sacrifice His life for the sake of His sheep

PERSONALLY EXPERIENCING THE LORD'S LOVE

- 1. We need to personally experience the Lord's love as well
 - a. It is not enough to learn about His love theoretically
 - b. It must be personally experienced so that His love would become real to us

- 2. Peter also personally experienced the Lord's love
 - a. The Lord Jesus' love for him and the other disciples (John 13:1)
 - i. He loved them at the beginning
 - ii. He loved them to the end

- b. A memorable experience of His love (John 13:2-17)
 - i. He was having His Last Supper with His disciples
 - ii. In the middle of the supper, He began to wash His disciples' feet
 - iii. His washing of feet represented His cleansing of their daily sins
 - iv. It also served as a lesson on humility to practise with one another
 - v. This act of love must have been a deeply moving one for the disciples!

RESPONDING TO THE LORD'S LOVE WITH LOVE

1. We must respond to the Lord's love with love
 - a. If we have learned and personally experienced His love
 - b. Loving Him in return would be the most appropriate response!

2. How Peter learned to love the Lord Jesus in response
 - a. He learned that loving the Lord is not an emotional response
 - i. When the Lord Jesus told him he would deny Him three times, Peter vehemently declared he would never deny Him (Mark 14:27-31)
 - ii. Sadly, he failed to do what he claimed – he denied the Lord Jesus three times as predicted (Mark 14:66-72)
 - b. He learned that loving the Lord is about keeping His word (John 14:21, 23)
 - i. If anyone says he truly loves the Lord
 - ii. He must know His word and keep His word
 - iii. This is the proof of one's love for the Lord!

ENCOURAGEMENT FOR US ALL

1. Let us learn to love the Lord as His people
 - a. For all the blessings He has given to us
 - b. It is right and appropriate that we love Him!

2. We can learn to love Him well when we
 - a. Learn about His love for us
 - b. Personally experience His love
 - c. Responding in love by keeping His word

3. May we learn to love Him as our Lord and Saviour!