



Scripture Nugget – Our Most Loveable Heavenly Father has been revealed to us

Then Paul stood up at the Areopagus and said: “You Athenians, I see that in every respect you are very religious. For as I walked around looking carefully at your shrines, I even discovered an altar inscribed, ‘To an Unknown God.’ What therefore you unknowingly worship, I proclaim to you (Acts 17:22-23).

Is it possible to love someone we don’t know? Throughout human history, God revealed Himself to us in various ways. God’s signature is in His every creation. The keen, observant eye can easily appreciate the high creativity, ingenuity and order of God’s creation. Scripture gives us a more profound insight. Through the biblical account of the Exodus, we gain a deep insight into the awesome power of God through the signs He manifested through Moses, and His long-suffering love and care of His people as manifested by His patience and forgiveness even though they sinned again and again even after witnessing first hand His power and love. God showed how close He was to His people throughout the Exodus from Egypt, the land of slavery for the ancient Jews. God manifested His holy presence with them as a pillar of cloud by day and a pillar of fire by night. God is not a distant spirit but One that is near and concerned about His people, even more so than a human parent.

Christ, the only begotten Son of God Who is at His side revealed the Heavenly Father (cf. John 1:8). When Philip asked Jesus to show them God the Father, Jesus’ reply was very instructive. Jesus said that whoever has seen Him has seen the Father (cf. John 14:9), and that He is in the Father and the Father is in Him (cf. John 14:10). On another occasion, Jesus said: The Father and I are one (cf. John 10:30). Therefore, when we know Jesus, we know God the Father. Jesus enlightens us on the extent of God’s love for us: *“For God so loved the world that He gave His only Son, so that everyone who believes in Him might not perish but might have eternal life” (John 3:16).* By this, we know without doubt we are precious to God Who knows even the small details of our lives. *Even all the hairs of your head are counted (Matthew 10:30).* We infer from the parable of the lost sheep that Jesus tells us in which the shepherd left the 99 to look for the lost one, that the Heavenly Father loves us as if we are an only child of His. Our Heavenly Father delights to be with us. *Judas, not the Iscariot, said to Him, “Master, what happened that You will reveal Yourself to us and not to the world?” Jesus answered and said to him, “Whoever loves Me will keep My Word, and My Father will love Him, and We will come to him and make Our dwelling with him” (John 14:22-23).*

Conversation with our Heavenly Father: Heavenly Father, You are over all, in all and through all (cf. Ephesians 4:6). As Your justice is rigorous and towering as manifested in Old Testament Scripture, Your redeeming and unconditional love is deep and fathomless as manifested in Jesus Christ’s Supreme Sacrifice on Calvary. Like a good parent, You are very near to those who are sad (cf. Psalm 34:18). In Your infinite wisdom, You have a good plan for me (cf. Jeremiah 29:11) and have prepared a place for me in heaven (cf. John 14:2). Like Jesus, the true purpose of my life is to accomplish Your will so that I may render You the greatest possible glory and attain the greatest potential You made me to be. Through a daily meditation of Scripture, sincere prayers, good works and filial obedience to Your commandments, help me know and love You more. Thank You for everything You have done for me, are doing for me and will do for me. Mary, Mother of Salvation, pray for me. In Jesus’ Name, I pray.