

## Do You Love The Lord?

### Introduction:

1. This song is truly a sermon that is beautiful in its simplicity.
  - a. This is fitting because it was written by two Gospel preachers.
  - b. Tom Holland (1931 – 2019) preached the Gospel for almost 70 years.
  - c. Paul Epler (father of our own Steve Epler) continues to preach for the Saucer Creek church of Christ near Belmont, Mississippi.
  - d. The two men worked together on the song at the Freed-Hardeman Lectures in the early 1970's.
2. In four short verses and a chorus it covers the spectrum of God's love.
3. And, it asks the all-important question, "Do you love the Lord?"

### I. The Foundation of Love

God sent His only Son from realms of light above,  
To fill our lives with peace and show us His great love.

- A. God's love is manifested in the giving of His Son (John 3:16).
- B. His love for us becomes the foundation of our love for Him (1 John 4:9-10, 19).

### II. The Motivation of Love

He bled and died for Thee on cruel Calvary,  
His precious life He gave our souls from sin to save.

- A. Jesus' love is made known by His death on the cross (Romans 5:8-10; 1 John 3:16).
- B. He suffered for our sins (1 Peter 2:24; 3:18; 2 Corinthians 5:19-21).
- C. His death becomes the motivation for our love (2 Corinthians 5:14-15; Titus 3:3-7).

### III. The Destination of Love

When in that home above where all is peace and love,  
We'll sing our Savior's praise thru never ending days.

- A. God's love makes Heaven available to all (1 Peter 1:3-5).
- B. If we love God here and now, Heaven will be our home there and then (1 Peter 3:18-22; John 14:1-4).

### IV. The Demonstration of Love

Oh yes we love the Lord, oh yes we love the Lord,  
We'll serve Him ev'ry day and walk the narrow way.

- A. Obedience is the demonstration of our love to God (John 14:15, 21-24; 15:10-14; 1 John 2:3-5; 5:3).
- B. This obedience is to be daily – it must become a way of life.

V. The Supplication of Love

Oh do you lovꝛ thꝛ Lord, oh do you lovꝛ thꝛ Lord,  
Then sꝛvꝛ Him ev'ry day and walk thꝛ narrow way.

- A. Those who truly love God want others to hear and learn of His love for them; so, they evangelize (Acts 8:4; 13:47).
- B. To love the Lord is to love those that He loves – the whole world (John 3:16).

Conclusion: How much do I love the Lord?

1. How much do I love the Truth? (John 8:31-32; 14:15)
2. How much do I love the brethren? (1 John 4:20-21)
3. How much do I love my enemies? (Matthew 5:43-44; Romans 5:8-10)
4. How much do I love to assemble? (Psalm 122:1; Acts 20:7; Hebrews 10:24-25)
5. How much do I love to give? (2 Corinthians 8:5-9; 9:6-7, 15)
6. How much do I love the needy? (Luke 10:30-36; 1 John 3:17)
7. How much do I love the lost? (Mark 1:16-18; 16:15; Acts 20:24)