

# Love To London

MKGG, includes "making known the greatness of His love" (His lovingkindness)

e.g. Lamentations 3:22

The LORD'S lovingkindnesses indeed never cease, For His compassions never fail.

1 John 4:8

...God is love.

**THIS MORNING: From Psalm 33: "How to make known the greatness of the love of God"**

1 Sing for joy in the LORD, O you righteous ones; Praise is becoming to the upright. 2 Give thanks to the LORD with the lyre; Sing praises to Him with a harp of ten strings. 3 Sing to Him a new song; Play skillfully with a shout of joy. 4 For the word of the LORD is upright, And all His work is done in faithfulness. 5 He loves righteousness and justice; **The earth is full of the lovingkindness of the LORD.**

1) **Believe in it**      **verse 5**      The earth is full of the lovingkindness of the LORD.

No easy thing! .... When we look at the world around us and when we consider other things we are to believe: e.g.

- **His sovereign rule over the earth.**

8 Let all the earth fear the LORD; Let all the inhabitants of the world stand in awe of Him. 9 For He spoke, and it was done; He commanded, and it stood fast. 10 The LORD nullifies the counsel of the nations; He frustrates the plans of the peoples. 11 The counsel of the LORD stands forever, The plans of His heart from generation to generation.

- **His controlling (fore)knowledge of all mankind.**

13 The LORD looks from heaven; He sees all the sons of men; 14 From His dwelling place He looks out On all the inhabitants of the earth, 15 He who fashions the hearts of them all, He who understands all their works.

- "The earth is full..."???      The earthquake in Yogyakarta??? Rwanda; Sudan, etc. ???
- **The Bible is our lamp and our light!**

4 For the word of the LORD is upright, And all His work is done in faithfulness. 5 He loves righteousness and justice

**Proverbs 3:5**

Trust in the LORD with all your heart And do not lean on your own understanding.

2) **Hope for it**      **verse 18**      Behold, the eye of the LORD is on those who fear Him, On those who hope for His lovingkindness, To deliver their soul from death And to keep them alive in famine

- There's a connection between fearing the Lord and "hope for His lovingkindness"
- Are we hoping? Are you hoping? Is it your hope that your most serious issues, and needs, and problems will be settled according to the lovingkindness of God?

- This is an antidote to cynicism. To skepticism. To pessimism. To despair and gloom and being depressed about your circumstances. All of which we learn from the world, and from our own fearful nature.
- What do we learn from God? "*Joy and peace and patience...*" We learn to say things like this...

### Romans 8:31-39

31 ...If God is for us, who is against us? 32 He who did not spare His own Son, but delivered Him over for us all, how will He not also with Him freely give us all things? ... 36 Just as it is written, "FOR YOUR SAKE WE ARE BEING PUT TO DEATH ALL DAY LONG; WE WERE CONSIDERED AS SHEEP TO BE SLAUGHTERED." 37 But in all these things we overwhelmingly conquer through Him who loved us. ...

### Psalm 33: 20

Our soul waits for the LORD; He is our help and our shield. 21 For our heart rejoices in Him, Because we trust in His holy name

3) **Seek it** verse 22 Let Your lovingkindness, O LORD, be upon us, According as we have hoped in You.

- How do we do that?

a) **Pray for it!** vs. 22

b) **Act on it!**

Get yourself into a position that requires the lovingkindness of God! And therefore DISPLAYS the lovingkindness of God. So go do something!!!! You have a choice...

i) Something spontaneous and quick: like one Sunday, let's just go out, maybe a hundred of us or so, and clean up the neighborhood! (The Good Samaritan is our example)

ii) Something big and costly:

i) **1970's** Buy eight acres of farm land and build a church there and wait for the neighborhood to grow up around it

ii) **1980's** Expand the building so that the little church (of 300) can grow to be a bigger church (of 700)

iii) **2000's** Expand it again: while really working on getting more and more involved in Missions, let's work to become the centre of this neighborhood. Let's give the neighbors lots of reasons to come out of their apartments to get in on what we are doing.

- ✓ Children's events that their kids love
- ✓ A youth centre to keep their teens happy and out of trouble
- ✓ ESL classes and other programs for adults, esp. "New Canadians".

BUT first things first: to believe it -- to get and remain convinced of it --

Draw near to God! ... COMMUNION