Psalm 109: David's Plea To God For Justice

Verses 1-5: Lord, they have repaid me evil for good and hatred for love!!

Verses 6-9: Lord, kill them! Let their days be few and their children fatherless!

Verses 10-13: Lord, ruin and kill their children! Let them be beggars and blot out their name!

Verses 14-20: Lord, reward them with cursing and let bad things happen to them!

Verses 21-29: But Lord, help me (26). Shame them but make me glad (28)!

verses 30-31: Lord, I praise You for this justice to come – to them and to me!

"In Sabrina Wurmbrand's youth, the Nazi's were the greatest enemies of both Christians and Jews. Even so, she applied Mt. 5:44,

"Love your enemies and pray for those who persecute you, so that you may be sons of your Father who is in heaven...for if you love those who love you, what reward do you have? ... What more are you doing than the (the unsaved)?"

...and led the soldiers that had murdered her entire family – to repent and receive Christ's forgiveness.

"But I say to you who hear, love your enemies, do good to those who hate you, bless those who curse you, pray for those who mistreat you.

Whoever hits you on the cheek, offer him the other also; and whoever takes away your coat, do not withhold your shirt from him either.

Give to everyone who asks of you, and whoever takes away what is yours, do not demand it back. And just as you want people to treat you, treat them in the same way.

And if you love those who love you, what credit is that to you? For even sinners love those who love them. And if you do good to those who do good to you, what credit is that to you? For even sinners do the same. And if you lend to those from whom you expect to receive, what credit is that to you? Even sinners lend to sinners, in order to receive back the same amount.

But love your enemies, and do good, and lend, expecting nothing in return; and your reward will be great, and you will be sons of the Most High; for He Himself is kind to ungrateful and evil men. Be merciful, just as your Father is merciful.

Luke 6:27-36

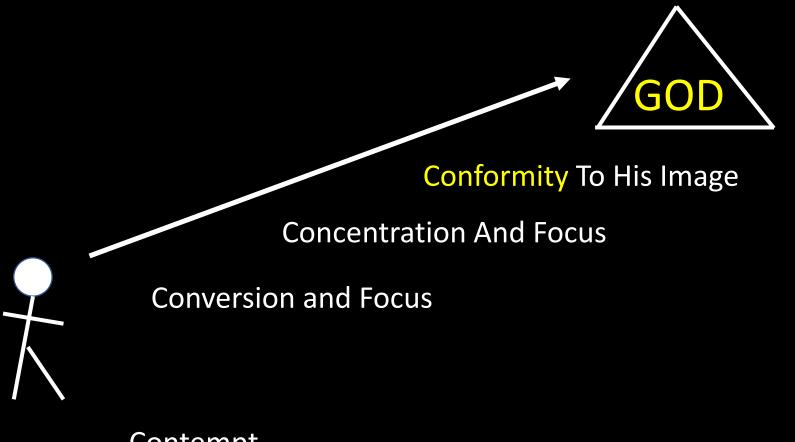
"If I speak with the tongues of men and of angels, but do not have love, I have become a noisy gong or a clanging cymbal. And if I have the gift of prophecy, and know all mysteries and all knowledge; and if I have all faith, so as to remove mountains, but do not have love, I am nothing.

And if I give all my possessions to feed the poor, and if I deliver my body to be burned, but do not have love, it profits me nothing.

Love is patient, love is kind, and is not jealous; love does not brag and is not arrogant, does not act unbecomingly; it does not seek its own, is not provoked, does not take into account a wrong suffered, does not rejoice in unrighteousness, but rejoices with the truth; bears all things, believes all things, hopes all things, endures all things...

... But now abide faith, hope, love, these three; but the greatest of these is love."

The Consequences Of Our Mental And Emotional Focus



"You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart." Mk 12:30

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"See to it that no root of bitterness, springing up, causes trouble, and by it many be defiled."

Heb. 12:15

"It is a trustworthy statement, deserving full acceptance, that Christ Jesus came into the world to save sinners" 1Tim.1:15

"First of all, then, I urge that entreaties and prayers, petitions and thanksgivings, be made on behalf of all men, for kings and all who are in authority, in order that we may lead a tranquil and quiet life in all godliness and dignity.

This is good and acceptable in the sight of God our Savior, who desires all men to be saved and to come to the knowledge of the truth."

17 ITIM 2:1-4