

## “The Love of God”

The love of God is greater far  
Than tongue or pen can ever tell;  
It goes beyond the highest star,  
And reaches to the lowest hell;  
The guilty pair, bowed down with care,  
God gave His Son to win;  
His erring child He reconciled,  
And pardoned from his sin.

### Refrain

O love of God, how rich and pure!  
How measureless and strong!  
It shall forevermore endure  
The saints' and angels' song.

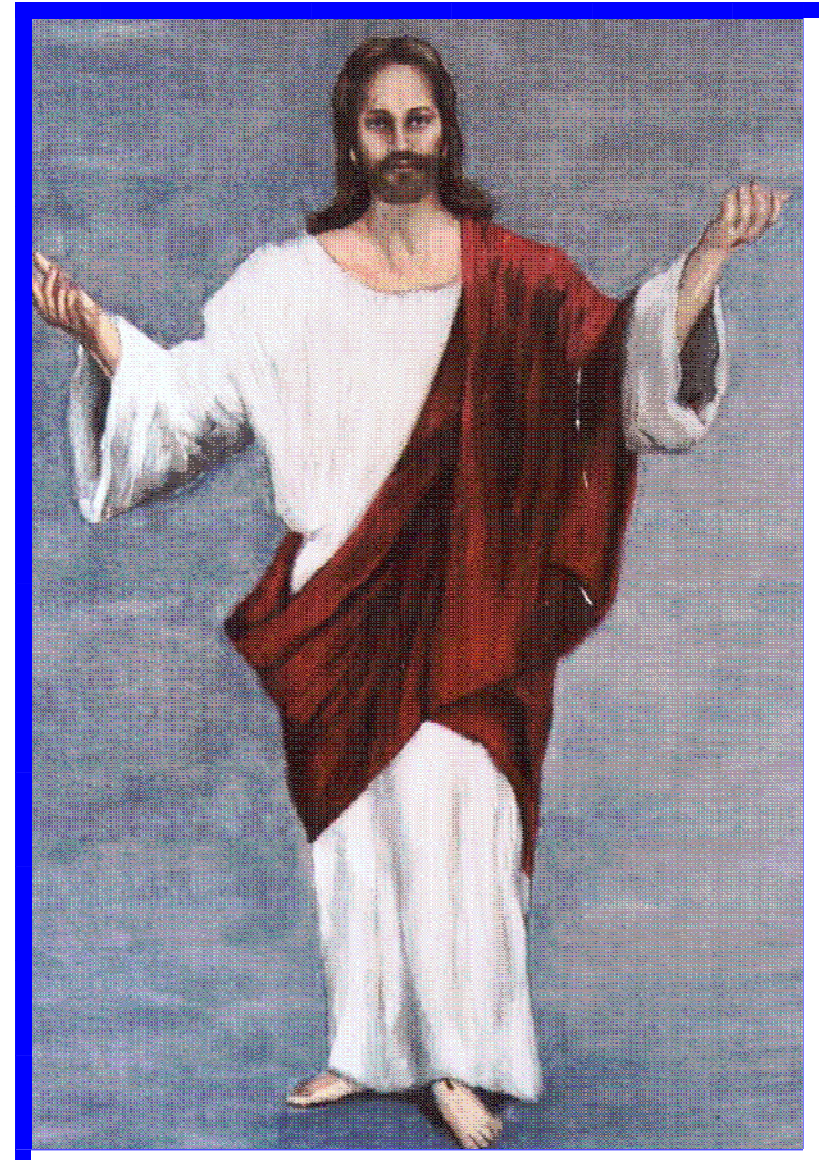
When years of time shall pass away,  
And earthly thrones and kingdoms fall,  
When men, who here refuse to pray,  
On rocks and hills and mountains call,  
God's love so sure, shall still endure,  
All measureless and strong;  
Redeeming grace to Adam's race—  
The saints' and angels' song.

### Refrain

Could we with ink the ocean fill,  
And were the skies of parchment made,  
Were every stalk on earth a quill,  
And every man a scribe by trade,  
To write the love of God above,  
Would drain the ocean dry.  
Nor could the scroll contain the whole,  
Though stretched from sky to sky.

Words: Frederick M. Lehman; he wrote this song  
in 1917 in Pasadena, California

## *“The Challenge of Being a Father”*



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## “The Challenge of Being a Father”

**Text:** “ I write not these things to shame you, but as my beloved sons I warn you.

**For though ye have ten thousand instructors in Christ, yet have ye not many fathers: for in Christ Jesus I have begotten you through the gospel.**

**Wherefore I beseech you, be ye followers of me”. 1 Corinthians 4: 14-16**

### **INTRODUCTION:**

Father’s Day is a celebration inaugurated in the early twentieth century to complement Mother’s Day in celebrating fatherhood and male parenting. It is also celebrated to honor and commemorate our forefathers. Father’s Day is celebrated on a variety of dates worldwide and typically involves gift-giving, special dinners to fathers, and family-oriented activities. The first observance of Father’s Day is believed to have been held on June 19, 1910 through the efforts of Sonora Smart Dodd of Spokane, Washington. After listening to a church sermon at Spokane’s Central Methodist Episcopal Church in 1909 about the newly recognized Mother’s Day, Dodd felt strongly that fatherhood needed recognition, as well.[She wanted a celebration that honored fathers like her own father, William Smart, a Civil War veteran who was left to raise his family alone when his wife died giving birth to their sixth child when Sonora was 16 years old. This morning I want to use the word "father" in the form of an acrostic. The title of the message is "How do you spell father?" We spell father in this way:

**I. F. Faith - Abraham** Neither shall thy name any more be called Abram, but thy name shall be Abraham; for a father of many nations have I made thee. Genesis 17:5

And the scripture was fulfilled which saith, Abraham believed God, and it was imputed unto him for righteousness: and he was called the Friend of God. James 2:23

**II. A- Attitude – David** ”To be made new in the attitude of your minds;” Ephesians 4:23 (Whole Chapter)

“Your attitude should be the same as that of Christ Jesus: Philippians 2:5 (Whole Chapter)

**III. T-Trust - Moses** “By faith Moses, when he was come to years, refused to be called the son of Pharaoh’s daughter; Choosing rather to suffer affliction with the people of God, than to enjoy the pleasures of sin for a season; Esteeming the reproach of Christ greater riches than the treasures in Egypt: for he had respect unto the recompence of the reward.” Hebrews 11: 24 –26

IV. H– Hope - Noah “By faith Noah, being warned of God of things not seen as yet, moved with fear, prepared an ark to the saving of his house; by the which he condemned the world, and became heir of the righteousness which is by faith”. Hebrews 11:7

V. E- Enthusiasm—Job “Behold, we count them happy which endure. Ye have heard of the patience of Job, and have seen the end of the Lord; that the Lord is very pitiful, and of tender mercy”. James 5:11

“Though he slay me, yet will I trust in him; (defend) maintain mine own ways before him” Job 13:15. **Job’s Three great problems**

1). The invisible God-"Oh, that I knew where I might find Him!" (23:3).

Answered by the Incarnation of Christ;

2). Human sin- "How can a man be justified with God? (9:2;25:4).

Answered by the death of Christ;

3). Death and immortality-- "If a man die, shall he live again?"(14:14).

Answered by the resurrection of Christ.

**4. Action:** "Even so faith if it hath not works, is dead, being alone. Yea, a man may say, Thou hast faith, and I have works; show me thy faith without thy works, and I will show thee my faith by my works" James 2:17 and 18;

{Receive}

*"The will of God will never lead you where the Grace of God can not keep you"*

VI. R- Reward—Joseph “By faith Joseph, when he died, made mention of the departing of the children of Israel; and gave commandment concerning his bones. Hebrew 11:22

“If a man denounces his friends for reward, the eyes of his children will fail”. Job 17:5 (New International Version)

Commander and Chief The Lord Jesus Christ  
Fathers are General

1. “After these things the LORD appointed other seventy also, and sent them two and two before his face into every city and place, whither he himself would come.
2. Therefore said he unto them, The harvest truly is great, but the labourers are few: pray ye therefore the Lord of the harvest, that he would send forth labourers into his harvest”. Luke 10:1-42

**The Lord will turn it around**

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He can see all of our needs

What’s lost

Will soon be found

There’s gonna be

A Happier day

Hold on a little

Longer & pray

We’re goin’ up not

Goin’ down

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