

# True Worshipers Are True Givers

(Part I)

*“Dear children, let us not love with words or tongue but with actions and in truth.”  
(1 John 3:9)*

Love is not only an emotion but it is an action. When someone wants to show his love to someone else he would show this love by actions and not only by words. For example if a man, showed his interest with a girl he should show his love to her with a clear plan for marriage and family life. If he showed his love to her only by promises that he would never fulfill then what type of love is this? Or if he showed his love to her by words and he also told her to keep this relationship secret between both of them, then what type of love is this? This is what the word of God it teaches us; when we say we love we should show our love with actions and in truth.

God showed His true love to us when He sent His One and only Son Jesus Christ, **“For God so loved the world that He gave His One and only Son, that whoever believes in Him shall not perish but have eternal life.”** (John 3:16) True love is in giving. God gave us eternal life when He gave us Jesus Christ, who died for us on the cross and rose from the dead on the third day to give eternal life to those who believe in Him. Then we who believe in Jesus, **“We love because He first loved us.”** (1 John 4:19) And the true love of God is when we learn to give with out limit, with out regret, and not to give up.

In this message we will study some of the examples from the Bible about people who showed their true love to God in actions and in truth; they truly worship Him in Spirit and truth.

1) **“As He looked up, Jesus saw the rich putting their gifts into the temple treasury. He also saw a poor widow put in two very small copper coins, “I tell you the truth,” He said, “this poor widow has put in more than all the others.” All these people gave their gifts out of their wealth, but she out of her poverty put in all she had to live on.”** (Luke 21:1-4) This widow she had lost her husband but she had put her trust and faith in God. She came to the temple to worship God and she presented to Him her gift. Yes, it is two very small copper coins, but that was all what she had to live on. Can we trust God like this woman who trusted the Lord and showed Him honour by Giving Him all what she had to live on?

2) **“On coming to the house, they saw the child with His mother Mary, and they bowed down and worshipped Him. Then they opened their treasures and presented Him with gifts of gold and of incense and of myrrh.”** (Matthew 2: 11) Those are the Magi who came to Jerusalem asking about Jesus who had been born as King of the Jews; they saw His star in the east and they came to worship Him. So they came to worship the Lord from far place. They suffered the long journey and the hardship of travel. They face the threats of Herod who was searching to kill Jesus, but they persevere it because they want to worship the Lord. Truly they found Him and they bowed down and worshipped Him. Not only that but they opened their treasures and presented Him with gifts of gold and of incense and myrrh. Their worship would not be complete with out giving part of their

treasures to the Lord. They worshipped Him and they showed their true love to Him by giving Him their time, efforts, lives and their treasures. Are we ready to give all the above to God like those Magi?

3) **“Some time later God tested Abraham, He said to Him, “Abraham!” “Here I am” he replied. Then God said, “Take your son, your only son, Isaac, whom you love, and go to the region of Moriah. Sacrifice him there as a burnt offering on one of the mountains I will tell you about.” Early the next morning Abraham got up and saddled his donkey. He took with him two of his servants and his son Isaac. When he had cut enough wood for the burnt offering, he set out for the place God had told him about. On the third day Abraham looked up and saw the place in the distance. He said to his servants, “Stay here with the donkey while I and the boy go over there. We will worship and we will come back to you.” Abraham took the wood for the burnt offering and placed it on his son Isaac, and he himself carried the fire and the knife. As the two of them went on together. Isaac spoke up and said to his father Abraham, “Father?” “Yes, my son?” Abraham replied. “The fire and wood are here” Isaac said, “But where is the lamb for the burnt offering?” Abraham answered, “God Himself will provide the lamb for the burnt offering, my son.” And the two of them went on together. When they reached the place God had told him about, Abraham built an altar there and arranged the wood on it. He bound his son Isaac and laid him on the altar, on top of the wood. Then he reached out his hand and took the knife to slay his son. But the angel of the Lord called out to him from heaven. “Abraham! Abraham!” “Here I am,” he replied. “Do not lay a hand on the boy,” he said. “Do not do anything to him. Now I know that you fear God, because you have not withheld from me your son, your only son.” Abraham looked up and there in a thicket he saw a ram caught by its horns. He went over and took the ram, and sacrificed it as a burnt offering instead of his son. So Abraham called that place The LORD Will Provide. And to this day it is said, “On the mountain of the LORD it will be provided.” The angel of the LORD called to Abraham from heaven a second time and said, “I swear by myself, declares the LORD, that because you have done this and have not withheld your son, your only son, I will surely bless you and make your descendant as numerous as the stars in the sky and as the sand on the seashore. Your offspring all nations on earth will be blessed, because you have obeyed me.”** (Genesis 22:1-18) Abraham did not withhold his son when the Lord asked him to offer him to Him. God wants us to give to Him all what He asked us to give and not to withhold anything from Him.

**My dear and beloved:** Let us love God with actions and in truth. Let us be ready to give; to open our treasures and present Him with gifts. Let us train ourselves not to withhold from Him anything He asked, and to give all what we have to live on.

**My prayer:** *Father God I come before you in the name of your Son Jesus Christ who died on the cross for my sins and rose from the dead to give me eternal life. Lord teach me to open my treasure and give you good gifts; teach me not to withhold anything from you, and to give you all what I have to live on. Thank you Lord, this is my prayer in Jesus name, Amen.*