

Love of God (Maka-Diyos)

Reflection

Do we believe in God or a Supreme Being? How do we experience His presence in our life?

Inspiration from the Holy Bible

"Teacher, which commandment in the law is the greatest?" He said to him, "You shall love the Lord, your God, with all your heart, with all your soul, and with all your mind. This is the greatest and the first commandment. (Matthew 22:36-38)

Worthy are you, Lord our God, to receive glory and honor and power...
(Revelation 4:11)

Inspiration from the Holy Qur'an

"O mankind, worship your Lord, who created you and those before you, that you may become righteous." (Surah Baqarah 2:21)

"And do not make (as equal) with Allah another deity indeed, I am to you from Him a clear warner." (Surah Adh-Dhariyat 51:51)

Hadith

Ibn Abbas said Allah revealed to His Messenger (PBUH) saying: "All the one possessing divinity and the right to be worshipped by the entire (Rawahu ibn Jareer Bin Abi Hatem, Tafseer At-Tabari 1:1) palon."

Narrated 'Abdullah (RA): The Prophet (PBUH) said one statement said another. The Prophet (PBUH) said: "Whoever dies while still invoking anything other than Allah as a rival to Allah, will enter Hell (Fire)." And I said, "Whoever dies without invoking anything as a rival to Allah, will enter Paradise." (Sahih Al-Bukhari)

How do we show that we love God?

- a. The greatest commandment is to love God. We are expected to show Him respect and obedience.

And now, Israel, what does the Lord your God require of you? He requires only that you fear the Lord your God, and live in a way that pleases him, and love him and serve him with all your heart and soul. And you must always obey the Lord's commands and decrees that I am giving you today for your own good.
(Deuteronomy 10:12-13)

- b. We were created in God's image, to praise and glorify Him in everything that we do.

So God created human beings in his own image. In the image of God he created them; male and female he created them. (Genesis 1:27)

So whether you eat or drink, or whatever you do, do it all for the glory of God. (1 Corinthians 10:31)

- c. Live a life that is pleasing to God and avoid doing things that displease Him.

There are six things the LORD hates no, seven things he detests: haughty eyes, a lying tongue, hands that kill the innocent, a heart that plots evil, feet that race to do wrong, a false witness who pours out lies, a person who sows discord in a family. (Proverbs 6:16-19)

CHALLENGE/DISCUSSION:

1. What is your most Significant Learning Today?

2. How will you apply it to your own Life?