

Do I Love Him Sermon Discussion – Jesus is King

In this message about love and friendship with God, Pastor Jimmy explores the fundamental question: not whether God loves us — which is unchangeable — but whether we truly love Him. He unpacks how our love for God is demonstrated through obedience, friendship and our relationships with others. The sermon challenges us to move beyond simply acknowledging God's love to actively pursuing a deeper, more authentic relationship with Him — one that transforms how we live, love and interact with others.

This sermon emphasizes:

- God's nature as King, Lord, Friend and Love is unchanging — He remains these things regardless of our response to Him
- Our love for God is demonstrated through keeping His commandments, which are expressions of love rather than mere rules
- Worldliness, pride and unforgiveness are key barriers that damage our love relationship with God
- Like a marriage covenant, our relationship with God requires both commitment and active friendship
- God's grace meets us in our attempts to walk in love — even small steps toward Him are celebrated
- Forgiveness of others is essential for maintaining a healthy love relationship with God
- Our relationship with God should influence what we watch, listen to and how we speak
- True friendship with God requires vulnerability, trust and a desire to know His heart

Key Scriptures:

“For God is the king of all the earth; sing praises with a skillful psalm. God reigns over the nations, God sits on His holy throne.” — Psalm 47:7-8

“For this reason also, God highly exalted Him and bestowed on Him the name which is above every name, so that at the name of Jesus every knee will bow, of those who are in heaven and on earth and under the earth.” — Philippians 2:9-10

“Just as the Father has loved Me, I have also loved you; abide in My love. If you keep My commandments, you will abide in My love, just as I have kept My Father’s commandments and abide in His love.” — John 15:9-10

“Do not love the world nor the things in the world. If anyone loves the world, the love of the Father is not in him.” — 1 John 2:15

“If someone says, ‘I love God,’ and hates his brother, he is a liar; for the one who does not love his brother whom he has seen, cannot love God whom he has not seen.” — 1 John 4:20

Table Questions:

1. In what ways have you experienced God as both King and Friend in your life? How do these different aspects of His character impact your relationship with Him?
2. Pastor Jimmy mentions that "it's not whether God loves you, but do you love Him?" How would you evaluate your love for God, and what evidence of that love do you see in your daily life?
3. How does viewing the Ten Commandments as expressions of love rather than just rules change your perspective on obedience to God?
4. What are some "idols" or worldly influences that you find competing with your love for God? How can you practically address these challenges?
5. Reflect on a time when you experienced God's grace in your spiritual journey. How did that experience affect your understanding of His love?
6. How does the marriage analogy help you better understand your relationship with God? What aspects of this comparison resonate most with you?
7. In what ways do you find yourself "taking the name of the Lord in vain" — not just in speech but in how you represent Him in your daily life?
8. Pastor Jimmy emphasizes forgiveness as crucial to our relationship with God. Is there someone you need to forgive? How might unforgiveness be affecting your relationship with God?
9. How do your entertainment choices and media consumption affect your spiritual life? What changes might God be calling you to make in these areas?
10. What practical steps can you take this week to deepen your friendship with God?