Love, Serve, and Praise Jesus name forever

Let's do our best our very best, let's do our <u>utmost for his highest.</u> God deserves our very best. It is my desire to love, serve and praise the Lord forever and if that's not your desire, <u>I pray it will be before you leave here today</u>

I want to start with prayer

Almighty God you are the great creator of heaven and earth. You are worthy of all our praise today and every day forever and ever. Our hope is in your unfailing love. Please strengthen our faith in you as we read from your word today. You are our all in all!! May our lives be changed forever to bring you glory in Jesus name I pray amen.

I want to encourage you all to put up your shield of faith every morning.

Ephesians 6: v. 13-20.

¹³ Therefore take up the whole armor of God, that you may be able to withstand in the evil day, and having done all, to stand.

¹⁴ Stand therefore, having girded your waist with truth, having put on the breastplate of righteousness, ¹⁵ and having shod your feet with the preparation of the gospel of peace; ¹⁶ above all, taking the shield of faith with which you will be able to quench all the fiery darts of the wicked one. ¹⁷ And take the helmet of salvation, and the sword of the Spirit, which is the word of God; ¹⁸ praying always with all prayer and supplication in the Spirit, being watchful to this end with all perseverance and supplication for all the saints— ¹⁹ and for me, that utterance may be given to me, that I may open my mouth boldly to make known the mystery of the gospel, ²⁰ for which I am an ambassador in chains; that in it I may speak boldly, as I ought to speak.

Say I believe that my God is a "Good, Good God" and this is the day that the Lord has made and I am going to rejoice and be glad in it.

Say this is going to be a "Good, Good" day!! Hallelujah Praise the Lord!!

May be you know the old song it goes like this: "Love Him Love Him, Love Him in the morning, Love Him at noon time Love Him, Love Him when the sun goes down." Then it repeats using serve and Praise. <u>I want to read Psalm 92:1-2</u>

It is good to give thanks to the LORD, And to sing praises to Your name, O Most High; ² To declare Your lovingkindness in the morning, And Your faithfulness every night,

When are we to proclaim his Love? In the morning. And His faithfulness every night! Please just do it. Remind yourself of His Love and faithfulness every day!!

Chris Tomlin says it well in his song good, good Father. Just sing the words to yourself. Proclaim it if you are a good, good father.

That's who you are, and I am loved by you that's who I am. God you are perfect in all your ways!!

Let's now read from **<u>1 John 4:7-21</u>**

⁷Beloved, let us love one another, for love is of God; and everyone who loves is born of God and knows God.⁸He who does not love does not know God, for God is love.⁹In this the love of God was manifested toward us, that God has sent His only begotten Son into the world, that we might live through Him. ¹⁰ In this is love, not that we loved God, but that He loved us and sent His Son to be the propitiation for our sins. ¹¹ Beloved, if God so loved us, we also ought to love one another. ¹² No one has seen God at any time. If we love one another, God abides in us, and His love has been perfected in us. ¹³ By this we know that we abide in Him, and He in us, because He has given us of His Spirit. ¹⁴ And we have seen and testify that the Father has sent the Son as Savior of the world. ¹⁵ Whoever confesses that Jesus is the Son of God, God abides in him, and he in God. ¹⁶ And we have known and believed the love that God has for us. God is love, and he who abides in love abides in God, and God in him. ¹⁷ Love has been perfected among us in this: that we may have boldness in the day of judgment; because as He is, so are we in this world. ¹⁸ There is no fear in love; but perfect love casts out fear, because fear involves torment. But he who fears has not been made perfect in love. ¹⁹ We love Him because He first loved us. ²⁰ If someone says, "I love God," and hates his brother, he is a liar; for he who does not love his brother whom he has seen, how can he love God whom he has not seen? ²¹ And this commandment we have from Him: that he who loves God *must* love his brother also.

I am so thankful I can say I am not afraid today. God's perfect Love can take away your fear as well if you need him to help you in this area be sure his love is strong enough just believe in God and His Holy Love. Don't forget we must all Love each other!!

Please listen and open your heart as we read Romans 8:35-39

³⁵ Who shall separate us from the love of Christ? *Shall* tribulation, or distress, or persecution, or famine, or nakedness, or peril, or sword? ³⁶ As it is written:

"For Your sake we are killed all day long;

We are accounted as sheep for the slaughter."

³⁷ Yet in all these things we are more than conquerors through Him who loved us. ³⁸ For I am persuaded that neither death nor life, nor angels nor principalities nor powers, nor things present nor things to come, ³⁹ nor height nor depth, nor any other created thing, shall be able to separate us from the love of God which is in Christ Jesus our Lord.

God wants to touch you with His Love.

It makes me so happy when I think of God's great Love for me! God is here! Can you feel it? God's Spirit is in this place ! His Love makes me want to shout Hallelujah!!

Let's now read Matt. 6:19-21 and 6:27-34

¹⁹ "Do not lay up for yourselves treasures on earth, where moth and rust destroy and where thieves break in and steal; ²⁰ but lay up for yourselves treasures in heaven, where neither moth nor rust destroys and where thieves do not break in and steal. ²¹ For where your treasure is, there your heart will be also.

²⁷ Which of you by worrying can add one cubit to his stature? ²⁸ "So why do you worry about clothing? Consider the lilies of the field, how they grow: they neither toil nor spin; ²⁹ and yet I say to you that even Solomon in all his glory was not arrayed like one of these. ³⁰ Now if God so clothes the grass of the field, which today is, and tomorrow is thrown into the oven, *will He* not much more *clothe* you, O you of little faith? ³¹ "Therefore do not worry, saying, 'What shall we eat?' or 'What shall we drink?' or 'What shall we wear?' ³² For after all these things the Gentiles seek. For your heavenly Father knows that you need all these things.³³ But seek first the kingdom of God and His righteousness, and all these things shall be added to you. ³⁴ Therefore do not worry about tomorrow, for tomorrow will worry about its own things. Sufficient for the day *is* its own trouble. Please be encouraged today.

God is real !! His Love is real!! I have been in Japan for almost 28 years. I am now 51, The Lord has been good to me and my family. We have not wanted for anything all these years. I thank God for all he has given me in the past. For all I have now and for all He will give me in the future.

Let's now read Colossians 3:23,24

²³ And whatever you do, do it heartily, as to the Lord and not to men, ²⁴ knowing that from the Lord you will receive the reward of the inheritance; for you serve the Lord Christ.

Whatever you do, do it for Jesus. I wash dishes for Jesus. I am here to tell you it makes a big difference.

Who wants to be great!! Do you want to be great in God's kingdom? I do ! What does Jesus say about being great? Let's read <u>Matt. 20:25-28</u>

²⁵ But Jesus called them to *Himself* and said, "You know that the rulers of the Gentiles lord it over them, and those who are great exercise authority over them. ²⁶ Yet it shall not be so among you; but whoever desires to become great among you, let him be your servant. ²⁷ And whoever desires to be first among you, let him be your slave— ²⁸ just as the Son of Man did not come to be served, but to serve, and to give His life a ransom for many."

Learn to be a servant it will change your life!!

Is it easy to live simply, expect little and give much? Jesus can help you if you ask him. Jesus can fill your life with his special love that gives and doesn't take. Let's scatter some sunshine! Smile because God Loves You!!! Forget about yourself, think of others.

Do as you would have others do for you. Jesus is Love, He is the secret to my happiness. Jesus has to be our first Love. All else has to be secondary.

Let's now read Psalm 139: 1-18

O LORD, You have searched me and known me. ²You know my sitting down and my rising up; You understand my thought afar off. ³You comprehend my path and my lying down, And are acquainted with all my ways. ⁴ For *there is* not a word on my tongue, But behold, O LORD, You know it altogether. ⁵You have hedged me behind and before, And laid Your hand upon me. ⁶Such knowledge is too wonderful for me; It is high, I cannot attain it. ⁷Where can I go from Your Spirit? Or where can I flee from Your presence? ⁸ If I ascend into heaven, You are there; If I make my bed in hell, behold, You are there. ⁹ If I take the wings of the morning, And dwell in the uttermost parts of the sea,

¹⁰ Even there Your hand shall lead me, And Your right hand shall hold me. ¹¹ If I say, "Surely the darkness shall fall on me," Even the night shall be light about me; ¹² Indeed, the darkness shall not hide from You, But the night shines as the day; The darkness and the light are both alike to You. ¹³ For You formed my inward parts; You covered me in my mother's womb. ¹⁴ I will praise You, for I am fearfully *and* wonderfully made; Marvelous are Your works, And that my soul knows very well. ¹⁵ My frame was not hidden from You, When I was made in secret, And skillfully wrought in the lowest parts of the earth. ¹⁶Your eyes saw my substance, being yet unformed. And in Your book they all were written, The days fashioned for me, When as yet there were none of them. ¹⁷ How precious also are Your thoughts to me, O God! How great is the sum of them! ¹⁸ If I should count them, they would be more in number than the sand; When I awake, I am still with You.

Don't you just want to shout Hallelujah!! Now let's read **Psalm 147:11.**

¹¹ The LORD takes pleasure in those who fear Him, In those who hope in His mercy.

Please join me and let's put our hope in God's unfailing Love! God loves us! Believe it. It's true I am excited to be here today!!

I have saved the best for last. Let's read Psalm 148:1-12.

Praise the LORD! Praise the LORD from the heavens; Praise Him in the heights! ² Praise Him, all His angels; Praise Him, all His hosts! ³ Praise Him, sun and moon; Praise Him, all you stars of light! ⁴ Praise Him, you heavens of heavens, And you waters above the heavens! ⁵ Let them praise the name of the LORD, For He commanded and they were created. ⁶He also established them forever and ever; He made a decree which shall not pass away. ⁷ Praise the LORD from the earth, You great sea creatures and all the depths; ⁸ Fire and hail, snow and clouds; Stormy wind, fulfilling His word; ⁹Mountains and all hills:

Fruitful trees and all cedars; ¹⁰ Beasts and all cattle; Creeping things and flying fowl; ¹¹ Kings of the earth and all peoples; Princes and all judges of the earth; ¹² Both young men and maidens; Old men and children.

Praise the Lord! Praise the Lord! Praise the Lord! Praise the Lord!!!

I want to close soon in prayer but before I do I want to say how very thankful I am to God for the life of Oswald Chambers who died about 101 years ago.

His book My utmost for His Highest May 8th this year really spoke to me.

He said a saint's life is in the hands of God like a bow and arrow in the hands of an archer.

God is aiming at something the saint cannot see, but our Lord continues to stretch and strain, and every once in a while the saint says," I can't take any more ".

Yet God pays no attention; He goes on stretching until His purpose is in sight. And then He lets the arrow fly.

Entrust yourself to God's hands. Is there something in your life for which you need perseverance right now? Maintain your intimate relationship with Jesus Christ through the perseverance of faith. Faith is a strong and vigorous confidence built on the fact that God is Holy Love.

Let's close now in pray

Almighty God I am so thankful for your great love and faithfulness.

Please help me and everyone here to know your grace is sufficient for each and every day. Help us to Love You and Love each other.

In Josus wonderful name Lorey Amen

In Jesus wonderful name I pray Amen.