

LOVING GOD WITH ALL MY SOUL
UNFILTERED LOVE: Real, Raw, Unreasonable for God

*“Jesus replied: Love the Lord your God with all your heart and with **all your soul** and with all your mind.”* Matthew 22:37

WHAT IS THE SOUL?

The soul is the part of us that holds our mind, emotions, and will. It is the seat of our personality, desires, and choices. The soul processes life’s experiences and interacts with the world.

As the deer pants for streams of water, so my soul pants for you, my God. My soul thirsts for God, for the living God.” Psalm 42:1-2

The spirit, on the other hand, is the part of us that is eternally connected to God. It enables us to worship, experience spiritual renewal, and commune with God. It is through the spirit that we are born again and receive the Holy Spirit.

“The Spirit himself testifies with our spirit that we are God’s children” In the Bible, the soul is often seen as the breath of life that God imparts to us.
Romans 8:16

Genesis 2:7 says, *“The Lord God formed the man from the dust of the ground and breathed into his nostrils the breath of life, and the man became a living being.”*

1. A PLACE OF INTIMACY AND DEVOTION

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2. A PLACE OF CHOICE AND DECISION

“Show me the way I should go for to You I lift up my soul.” Psalm 143:8

3. A PLACE OF TRANSFORMATION

“And we all, who with unveiled faces contemplate the Lord’s glory, are being transformed into His image with ever-increasing glory, which comes from the Lord, who is the Spirit.” 2 Corinthians 3:18

“Create in me a pure heart, O God, and renew a steadfast spirit within me. Do not cast me from your presence or take your Holy Spirit from me. Restore to me the joy of your salvation and grant me willing spirit, to sustain me.” Psalm 51:10-12 (NIV)

This love brings about deep, lasting change—not just in what we do but in who we are.

Practical Ways to Love God with All Your Soul

1. SPEND TIME IN GODS PRESENCE

“A single day in your courts is better than a thousand anywhere else! I would rather be a gatekeeper in the house of my God than live the good life in the homes of the wicked.” Psalms 84:10

2. DESIRE GOD ABOVE ALL ELSE

“One thing I ask from the Lord, this only do I seek: that I may dwell in the house of the Lord all the days of my life, to gaze on the beauty of the Lord and to seek him in his temple.” Psalm 27:4 (NIV)

“O God, you are my God; I earnestly search for you. My soul thirsts for you; my whole body longs for you in this parched and weary land where there is no water.” Psalms 63:1

3. SURRENDER YOUR WILL TO GOD EVERYDAY

“Submit yourselves, then, to God. Resist the devil, and he will flee from you.” James 4:7(NIV)

“Father, if you are willing, take this cup from me; yet not my will, but yours be done.” Luke 22:42(NIV)

“Teach me to do your will, for you are my God; may your good Spirit lead me on level ground.” Psalm 143:10 (NIV)

4. ENGAGE IN ACTS OF LOVE

Jesus said, *“If you love me, you will keep my commandments”* (John 14:15).

“Dear children, let us not love with words or speech but with actions and in truth.” 1 John 3:18 (NIV)

“Follow God’s example, therefore, as dearly loved children and walk in the way of love, just as Christ loved us and gave himself up for us as a fragrant offering and sacrifice to God.” Ephesians 5:1-2(NIV)

Loving God with all our soul isn’t a one-time decision; it’s a daily commitment.