

## Agapao: The Function of Agape

**Love** – *agapao* – verb....to seek after what the Father wants and to be devoted to seeing it accomplished! It expresses a picture of wholly investing every aspect of who we are, in passionate devotion, to the intent of the Throne of God.

### **Agapao is Expansion**

**Matthew 22:36-40** <sup>36</sup> Master, which *is* the great [*meGas*] commandment in the law? <sup>37</sup> Jesus said unto him, Thou shalt **love** [*agapao*] the Lord [*kurios-equivalent of Adonai*] thy God with all thy heart, and with all thy soul, and with all thy mind. <sup>38</sup> This is the first [*protos*] and great [*meGas*] commandment. <sup>39</sup> And the second *is* like unto it, Thou shalt **love** [*agapao*] thy neighbour [*plesion*] as thyself. <sup>40</sup> On these two commandments hang all the law and the prophets. **Mark 12:30-31**

### **Expansion of Agapao**

**Matthew 5:43-46** <sup>43</sup> Ye have heard that it hath been said, Thou shalt **love** [*agapao*] thy neighbour [*plesion*], and hate [*miseo*] thine enemy [*those who oppose God in their minds*]. <sup>44</sup> But I say unto you, **Love** [*agapao*] your enemies [*those who oppose God in their minds*], bless [*eulogeo-the good purpose of God*] them that curse you, do good [*kalos*] to them that hate [*miseo*] you, and pray [*proseuchomai-declare God's intent*] for them which despitefully use you, and persecute [*oppose*] you; <sup>45</sup> That ye may be [*ginomai-grow into the identity; become*] the children of your Father which is in heaven: for he maketh his sun to rise on the evil and on the good, and sendeth rain on the just and on the unjust. <sup>46</sup> For if ye **love** [*agapao*] them which **love** [*agapao*] you, what reward [*fruit*] have [*echo*] ye? do not even the publicans the same?

**Hate** – *miseo* – to separate from someone or something that would entangle & impede your proactive pursuit of God's purpose

### **Agapao in Our Placement**

**Matthew 6:24** <sup>24</sup> No man can serve [*douleuo-be a slave; submit to; yield obedience to*] two masters [*kurios=adonai*]: for either he will hate [*miseo*] the one, and **love** [*agapao*] the other; or else he will hold to [*antechomai-Roots to anti & echo*] the one, and despise

[*kataphroneo*] the other. Ye cannot serve [*douleuo*] God and mammon [*confidence & wealth; yourself*].

**Hold to** – *antechomai* (from *anti* and *echo*) – to echo back the opposite of something; to stand in opposition to something.

**Despise** – *kataphroneo* – to allow the framework of what God has put within you to affect your mindset. In this case, it speaks of being repositioned from a higher level down to a lower level of understanding, passion and perspective.

<b>No man can enslave himself to 2 positions of authority... either he will</b>		
<b>SELF</b>		<b>GOD</b>
<b>Hate</b> – separate himself so as not to become entangled from the one	<b>&amp;</b>	<b>Agapao</b> – passionately pursue the purpose of the other
<b>OR</b>		
<b>Despise</b> – allow what is vital in the deepest part of him to be brought down to a lower mindset	<b>&amp;</b>	<b>Hold to</b> – echo back the opposite

### **Agapao in Our Commitment to God’s Commandments**

**John 14:15** <sup>15</sup> If ye **love** [*agapao*] me, keep [*tereo*] my commandments.

**John 14:21** <sup>21</sup> He that hath [*echo*] my commandments, and keepeth [*tereo*] them, he it is that **loveth** [*agapao*] me: and he that **loveth** [*agapao*] me shall be **loved** [*agapao*] of my Father, and I will **love** [*agapao*] him, and will manifest myself to him.

**John 14:23-24** <sup>23</sup> Jesus answered and said unto him {*Judas*}, If a man **love** [*agapao*] me, he will keep [*tereo*] my words [*logos*]: and my Father will **love** [*agapao*] him, and we will

come unto him, and make our abode with him. <sup>24</sup> He that **loveth** [*agapao*] me not keepeth [*tereo*] not my sayings [*logos*]: and the word [*logos*] which ye hear is not mine, but the Father's which sent me.