

# My Son Give Me Your Heart

## Proverbs 23:26

### Introduction

We believe the Bible to be God's inspired Word for us.

*The words I have spoken to you – they are spirit and they are life.* John 6:63

*The Word of God is living and active, sharper than any double-edged sword.* Heb. 4:12

*You have purified yourselves by obeying the truth,* 1 Peter 1:22

*Take the sword of the Spirit, which is the Word of God,* Ephesians 6:17

*Put on the belt of truth around your waist,* Ephesians 6:14

*And we have the word of the prophets made more certain, and you will do well to pay attention to it, as to a light shining in a dark place ...* 2 Peter 1:19

All seek a word with some – authoritative

An authoritative word is what we want from the doctor – when --

When a letter from the IRS comes – and then your accountant calls ...

When you hope to sell the house – couple interested – your agent calls ....

When you fall in love – risk everything and say – “I love you,” – affirmative answer...

This is a Word from God – we have no greater need – like a foundation of life ....

*"For with you is the fountain of life; in your light we see light."* Psalm 36:9

Must pay attention – Great Invitation – clothed in simple words – opens door to ...

*"He who has an ear, let him hear."* Revelation 2,3

What great loss we have incurred – by not listening to God -- ....

We become vulnerable to spiritual confusion and error

Failure to hear does not produce vacuum – far worse – something rushes in ...

We open ourselves to lies, to the world, to Satan – result is weakness – **bondage**

### The Bible has been given to us by divine inspiration --

These words not like the newspaper or Time magazine ....

Depth of our relationship with Him – depends on hearing these words.

Anointing – filling of the Holy Spirit depends on hearing these words.

*"If My people would but listen to Me,"* Psalm 81:8,11,13

**(Stop and pray – for opening of ears, hearts, for honesty....)**

**I. Experience Books – at the Center of Our Bible.**

Reminder – doctrine, history, prophecy, propositions – also emphasis on **experience**.

Unusual group of people – basis for experience in our lives.

Loved by God,  
Names are in His book.  
God has revealed Himself to us (Deuteronomy).  
Called out one. Redeemed ones.  
Adopted into God's family.  
Great promises (I will be a God to you)...  
My Father will love you, and We will come ....  
I've gone to prepare a place for you  
I will come back again  
And take you to be with Me  
That you also may be with Me where I am  
Given the Holy Spirit,  
Given great gifts,  
Office of prophet,  
Office of priest  
Office of king king,  
Privilege of prayer –  
Healing prayer,  
Deliverance,  
His witness,  
His ambassadors

**II. The Experience Books Summarized: *My Son, give me your heart*, Prov 23:26**

**My Son** – all about relationship

Think of it – God asks you to give Him your heart!

A very personal matter.

**Spiritual bonding** –

Living relationship – share same life with the Son of God – not deity.

Loving relationship –

Consider the significance –

Exodus 19:5 – *treasured possession*

Leviticus 20:26 – *set apart ... to be My own*

Isaiah 43:1 – *you are mine*

He wants us to “hear Him” about that relationship

### III. He Wants Us to Nurture that Relationship

**Nurture Means.** (Nourish, support, uphold, cherish another – so the relationship)

**“If you had responded ... I would have poured out My heart to you,”** Prov. 1:23

(Keep it simple, personal and practical – a matter of the heart)

*Seek Me* – Isaiah 45:19

*Wait on Me* – Psalm 27:14

*Love Me* – Matthew 22:37

*Sing to Me* – Psalm 33:3

*Give Me presents* – Isaiah 43:23,24

*Talk to Me* – Isaiah 43:22

*Be honest with Me* – 1 Timothy 1:5

*Keep thinking about Me* – Colossians 3:1,2

*Cooperate with Me* – 2 Corinthians 6:1

*Include Me in everything* – Proverbs 3:5,6

*Give me your heart* – Proverbs 23:26

**Illustration** – *My Beloved is mine – and I am His.* Song of Solomon 2:16

*He is jealous over us* – Exodus 20:5

He is not going to be satisfied with our divided interest – flirting – having affairs – day-dreaming about someone else – something else.

We rob Him of the blessing and ability to bless us – when we fail to give Him our heart and give our hearts to someone else – or even to some things.

He is powerfully involved in the relationship.

We have to deal with God about this issue – *You are mine – we are not our own.*

Love and relationships are the most motivating factors in His life.

*I love you* – John 13:34

*I have loved you with an everlasting love* – Jeremiah 31:3

*As the Father has loved me – so have I loved you* – John 15:9

**Love must have relationship – reciprocity – to survive**

God can maintain His – love within the trinity

Without nurture – dependence on Him – our love will die

We can sustain love – only by dependence on Him – decisions.

Easy to focus on love – and not on Him. (For many this a constant pitfall)

Many hindrances to not listening to God – not placing Him first – loving Him.

#### IV. God is asking us for Ourselves: *Give Me your Heart*

**Emphasis on *Give*** – means we must make a decision – hard decision.

Reminder that we are in control of our heart – not Him.

Often surrender – but do not really give – do not reach the bottom line

Saint Augustine: (D 430 AD) “But I wretched, most wretched, in the very commencement of my early youth, had begged chastity of Thee, and said, ‘Give me chastity and continency, only not yet.’ For I feared lest Thou shouldst hear me soon, and soon cure me of the disease of concupiscence, which I wished to have satisfied, rather than extinguished.” Book 8/7/16

**Most of us bargain** – an area we feel we cannot give Him.

You can have my time, my money, my possessions, my health but not ....

**May be an area we have tried to give over and over again. Then we need help and healing prayer or perhaps some deliverance.**

**For Augustine:** Because he felt called to ministry in RC model – to be saved – he had to give his sexual life to God – never to have sex again! He was 32 yrs old when he became a believer.

**It’s our decision --**

**Obstacles – for most of us it’s our good things:**

Martha illustration –

Going to church,

Reading the Bible,

Prayer time

Helping people

Giving money

Our work,

**Emphasis on *Heart*** – refers to our inner self – control – that we feel we cannot give Him.

Give up our internal citadel – the powerful fortress we have made –

Where we store our hidden secrets –

Where we store our pain – grudges – desire for revenge --

Where we take refuge from prying eyes.

Self protection measures – the false laugh – quick joke – change subject

Give up our real self to Him – to do with us what He wants with us

A willingness to be laid bare – exposed before Him.

Often angry with those who get too close --

**Giving our Heart is not Easy**

Purity of heart is to will one thing -- Kierkegaard

(Stop and pray – lead them in giving our hearts)

## V. The Exhortations of the Experience Books are Summarized in the Words

*"If you had responded to my rebuke, I would have poured out my heart to you."* Prov. 1:23

### Can Our Response – Govern and Control God?

What is the response He wants? It starts with *"My son, give me your heart."*

Follows through with continually trusting Him for Help

Attempting to *"Acknowledge Him in everything."*

Learn how to love Him.

Worship Him,

Praise Him,

Thank Him,

Talk out all problems with Him,

Present all needs to Him,

Involve Him in everything

Concentrate on Him and not on our love, work, or "How am I doing?"

Involves giving Him respect – being reverent -- worship

Treating Him as a Person – Father

(Give up begging)

Live under His Lordship (Serious temptation is the test).

All of these are insufficient without His presence and ministry

Constant problem – intuitive (almost unconscious) tendency to focus back on ourselves. How am I doing – is He here – does He hear me.

Test Him and the relationship by our emotions – how do I feel?

### There is provision

The power of His love –

The power of His presence --

The power of His Crucifixion –

The power of His Resurrection--

The power of His Ascension --

The power of His gift of the Day of Pentecost

The power of His Word --

The power of His Church –

The power of His people –

The power of good books --

The power in the means of grace –

prayer –

worship –

**What does He want to do? – “*Pour out my heart to you.*”**

*He who loves me will be loved by my Father, and I too will love him and show myself to him. If anyone loves me, My Father will love him, and we will come to him and make our home with him.* John 14:21,23

*Here I am! I stand at the door and knock. If anyone hears my voice and opens the door, I will come in and eat with him, and he with me.* Revelation 3:20

Must make plans regarding the telephone – daily work – reading – getting help.

Practice what it would mean to love Him – if sense a need there.

Be emphatic and creative about “devotions”

Establish the right priority

Change the order – music, different versions, stand up, kneel, walk, read, prayers, use creeds, make up own creeds ....

Talk out basic issues with Him. Go back through life. Talk about what hurts.

Give people to Him who hurt you. Tell Him what they said – ask for help to forgive, to pull out the fiery darts. (Prov. *Life and death – tongue*)

Must face who we are – priests to distribute grace. How many people lack the grace of God because we failed to respond to Him – and then carry through. ....

Where and how do we begin?

Repent – confess – receive prayer (James 5:16)