

Central Idea - What do you think is the central theme of chapter 9?

Developing Trust

1. What observations about God's love can you make from these verses?
KJV Psalm 103:11 For as the heaven is high above the earth, so great is his mercy toward them that fear him.

KJV Isaiah 54:10 For the mountains shall depart, and the hills be removed; but my kindness shall not depart from thee, neither shall the covenant of my peace be removed, saith the LORD that hath mercy on thee.

KJV Zephaniah 3:17 The LORD thy God in the midst of thee *is* mighty; he will save, he will rejoice over thee with joy; he will rest in his love, he will joy over thee with singing.

KJV Romans 8:38 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 creature, shall be able to separate us from the love of God, which is in Christ Jesus our Lord.

2. Because we are united with Christ, what two things are inextricably linked?

3. a. In what event do we see the supreme demonstration of God's love for us?

KJV 1 John 4:9 In this was manifested the love of God toward us, because that God sent his only begotten Son into the world, that we might live through him. 10 Herein is love, not that we loved God, but that he loved us, and sent his Son *to be* the propitiation for our sins.

4. a. What experiences in your life have tempted you to doubt God's love?

b. When you have doubted God's love, what has helped you regain your confidence in His love for you?

5. a. Based on Ephesians 1:3-6, how does being "in Christ" affect God's love for us?

b. How does John 15:1-8 describe our relationship with Jesus?

c. If the Father loves Jesus, then, what are the implications for us?

d. What does pruning have to do with love (John 15:2)?

6. What does Isaiah 40:10-11 teach us about God's love?

KJV Isaiah 40:10 Behold, the Lord GOD will come with strong *hand*, and his arm shall rule for him: behold, his reward *is* with him, and his work before him. 11 He shall feed his flock like a shepherd: he shall gather the lambs with his arm, and carry *them* in his bosom, *and* shall gently lead those that are with young.

Trust in Action

1. Use a concordance to find other verses about God's love for us. Copy them into your journal.
2. Choose one verse about God's love from this chapter and memorize it. Use it when Satan tries to convince you that God's doesn't really love you.
3. Write a letter to Jesus thanking Him for His love for you.