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A mother's love helps us understand  
Scripture Lesson: A mother's love, God's love

Text: Hebrews 7:26. Wherefore he is able also  
to say to the uttermost that come to God by  
him, seeing he ever liveth to make intercession  
for them.

Introduction: No one ever found a word to describe  
the love of God. Paul said, after talking about the  
length, breadth, depth, that it passeth all under-  
standing. Mathematics can define its dimensions,  
but our God is a God of superlatives. We cannot de-  
fine it, explain it, or measure it, but we can ex-  
perience it. It is like the horizon. When we arrive  
where earth and sky meet, it is still farther on.

Explorers were once asked to find  
the depth of the ocean. The divers went down in  
the sea with a rope. When the men on the ship pul-  
led up the rope, they found a note fastened to it  
saying, the ocean is deeper than that. When we think  
we know the love of God, we find it still deeper.

God's love is deeper than all sin,  
sorrow, trouble, and despair. It is so deep and  
strong it holds one steady in this world of unrest  
and uncertainty.

Love is the most costly thing in the world. Its  
cost, God his only Son. He loved so much He gave his  
only Son. He sent his Son from the glory of His  
heavenly home, because He loved us. He sent him to  
be despised, rejected, spit upon, beaten. His reac-

mies placed a crown of thorns upon his head, nailed his hands and feet to the cross, thrust a spear into his side.

A mother's love helps us understand, to a small degree, God's love. A mother will go for days and nights, without sleep, to watch at the bed-side of a sick child. She will without the dress she wants that the child may have a new bicycle. She will forego the new rug she wants, and needs, so that the child may go to college. - There is no sacrifice too great, because she loves with a mother's heart and devotion. Jesus loved to the end, and that is broader than the measure of man's mind.

Having loved to the uttermost he is able to save save to the uttermost. He is willing to save all that come to God through Him. When we see him dying on the cross, because he loved us, and we look up into his face and know that it was for us, then we have our doubts removed. How can you doubt such love? How can you reject such love? If we accept his love his wonderful love, we will find that there is no need in our lives he cannot meet. Many of our ills cannot be remedied by education, psychiatry, by physicians, by social security. You need the love of God, so pure and changeless.

If this old world, with all of its troubles, that are too big for the mind of man, would only try Christ, the love of Christ, how different things would be. Nations would not be suspicious of each other; there would be no hatred and fear; there would be no need for bombs and atomic missiles. Our

Christ, my Christ, is adequate for all races and all nations. His name is above every name. We are not ~~afraid~~ subject our Christ to comparison with Bubba, Mehammed, or any of the leaders of RELIGIONS. They set good examples, but they have no power to change lives, to give strength and help. They did not die and rise again because they loved humanity.

In Scotland, so they say, there is the oldest crown in existence; it is reported to have been made from the nails that were used to nail the hands and feet of the Christ to the cross. The most costly crown, made of precious jewels, is in England. But we know of a crown, more beautiful than any of the crowns of this world. It was the crown of thorns. He wore it because he loved to the uttermost. If our God has gone to the uttermost, he asks nothing less of us. If we accept his love and mercy, we will have a life of joy and victory, and some day we will see him face to face.

Conclusion:- This is what this communion table stands for. If we take the bread and wine, we are remembering, that he loved us to the uttermost, and we are pledging our love, our lives, and our service to him.