

Honey IN THE Rock

Psalm 81:13-16 CSB

**“If only my people would listen to me
and Israel would follow my ways,
¹⁴ I would quickly subdue their enemies
and turn my hand against their foes.”**

¹⁵ Those who hate the LORD
would cower to him;
their doom would last forever.

¹⁶ But he would feed Israel
with the best wheat.

“I would satisfy you with
honey from the rock.”

Matthew 22:36-40 CSB

“Teacher, which command in the law is the greatest?”

³⁷ He said to him,

**“Love the Lord your God with all your heart,
with all your soul, and with all your mind.**

³⁸ This is the greatest and most important command.

³⁹ The second is like it:

Love your neighbor as yourself.

⁴⁰ All the Law and the Prophets depend on these two commands.”

Agape

desires and, when appropriate, acts in behalf of the ultimate good of another person.

For the whole law is fulfilled in one statement:

Love your neighbor as yourself.

Galatians 5:14 CSB

Christ died for us while we were still sinners. This demonstrates God's love for us.

Romans 5:8 GW

Be concerned not only with your own interests but also with those of others.

Philippians 2:4 NCB

Luke 10:25-29 CSB

Then an expert in the law stood up to test him, saying,
“Teacher, what must I do to inherit eternal life?”

²⁶ “What is written in the law?” he asked him. “How do you read it?”

²⁷ He answered,
“Love the Lord your God with all your heart,
with all your soul,
with all your strength,
and with all your mind,”
and “your neighbor as yourself.”

²⁸ “You’ve answered correctly,” he told him. “Do this and you will live.”

²⁹ But wanting to justify himself, he asked Jesus,
“And who is my neighbor?”

“And who is my neighbor?”

“For most Jews a neighbor was another Jew, not a Samaritan or a Gentile.”

Robert Stein

“Some extended the definition of neighbor to include Gentiles. Most recognized only full proselytes among the Gentiles as neighbors, while some Pharisees drew the line even more narrowly to exclude non-observing Israelites.”

David Garland

The Essenes were required to love others in their sect but “were to detest ‘the sons of darkness.’”

“Do not harbor hatred against your brother. Rebuke your neighbor directly, and you will not incur guilt because of him. ¹⁸ Do not take revenge or bear a grudge against members of your community, but love your neighbor as yourself; I am the LORD.”

Leviticus 19:17-18 CSB

“When an alien resides with you in your land, you must not oppress him. ³⁴ You will regard the alien who resides with you as the native-born among you. You are to love him as yourself, for you were aliens in the land of Egypt; I am the LORD your God.”

Leviticus 19:33-34 CSB

“For I tell you, unless your righteousness surpasses that of the scribes and Pharisees, you will never get into the kingdom of heaven.”

Matthew 5:20 CSB

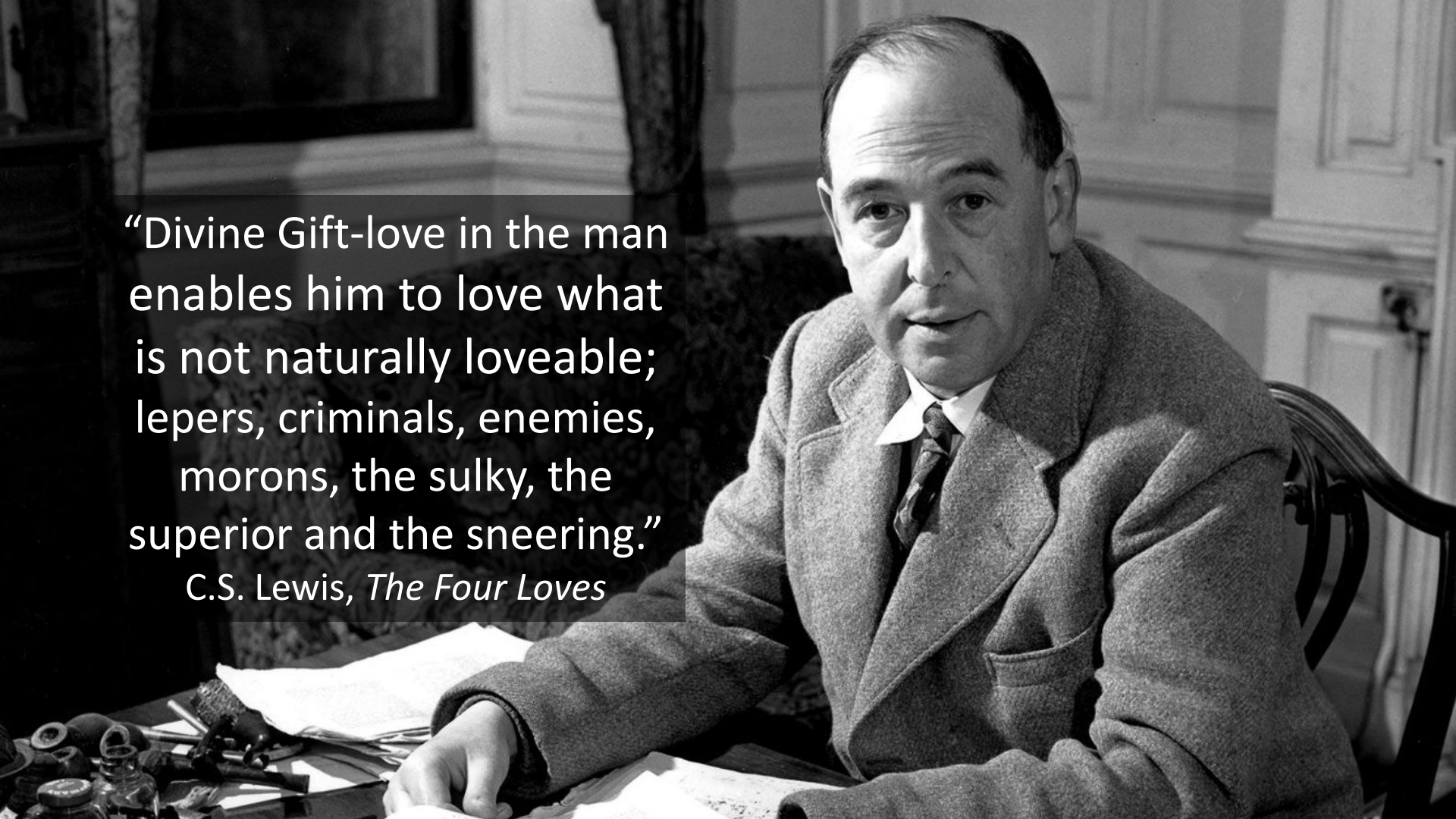
“You have heard that it was said, **Love your neighbor** and hate your enemy. ⁴⁴ But I tell you, love your enemies and pray for those who persecute you....”

Matthew 5:43-44 CSB

“Which of these three seems to you to have become a neighbor of the one having fallen into the robbers?”

Luke 10:36 DLNT

The Parable
About the Man
Who Chose To
Love His Enemy

A black and white photograph of C.S. Lewis. He is seated at a desk, looking directly at the camera with a neutral expression. He is wearing a dark, textured suit jacket over a light-colored shirt and a dark tie. His hands are resting on papers on the desk. The desk is cluttered with various items, including what appears to be a typewriter or a similar mechanical device on the left. The background shows a room with a window and a door, suggesting an office or study environment.

“Divine Gift-love in the man enables him to love what is not naturally loveable; lepers, criminals, enemies, morons, the sulky, the superior and the sneering.”

C.S. Lewis, *The Four Loves*

kairos
“the special
moment when
it's the opportune
time to say or do a
particular thing”

Galatians 6:9-10 CSB

Let us not get tired of doing good,
for we will reap at the proper time if we don't give up.

¹⁰ Therefore, as we have opportunity,
let us work for the good of all,
especially for those who belong to the household of faith.



“Christian David
persuaded the community
to get to grips with what
it really meant to live
together in God’s love
by hosting meetings to study
the first letter of John....”
Phil Anderson, *The Lord of the Ring*