

A Biography of Samuel Pearce

Matthew 22:36-40

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1. The whole duty of man before God is summed up in the word, _____. This love must be directed first and foremost to God Himself.

“Religion in him was habitual seriousness, mingled with sacred pleasure, frequently rising into sublime delight, and occasionally overflowing with transporting joy.”

- Andrew Fuller

- a. Man is called to love God with _____ the faculties (heart, soul, mind and strength) God has given him.

- b. The example of Samuel Pearce (1766-1799):

“Jesus, the Son of God, is going into the holy of holies, with our _____ on His breastplate, ever to plead in the presence of God for us—for us; O transporting thought! Who can doubt of the success of such an Intercessor.” - Samuel Pearce

“Two things are causes of daily astonishment to me: the readiness of Christ to come from earth to heaven for me; and my backwardness to rise from earth to heaven with Him.” - Samuel Pearce

“I felt, when contemplating the hardships of a missionary life, that were the universe destroyed, and I the _____ being in it besides God, He is fully adequate to my complete happiness.” - Samuel Pearce

“His religion was that of the _____. Almost every thing he saw, or heard, or read, or studied, was converted to the feeding of this Divine Flame.”

- Andrew Fuller

2. A genuine love for God will be seen in a genuine love for _____.

- a. *“You shall seek the good of your neighbor, just as you naturally seek your own _____. Nourish and cherish your needy neighbor, just as you by nature nourish and cherish yourself.” - John Piper*

- b. The example of Samuel Pearce:

“The soul of Mr. Pearce was formed for friendship.”

- Andrew Fuller

“It was holy _____ that gave the tone to his general deportment: as a son, a subject, a neighbor, a Christian, a minister, a pastor, a friend, a husband, and a father, he was manifestly governed by this principle; and this it was that produced in him that lovely uniformity of character which constitutes the true beauty of holiness.” - A. Fuller

“I long to raise my Master’s banner in climes where the sound of His fame hath but scarcely reached. He hath said, for my encouragement, that ‘all _____ shall flow unto it.’” - Samuel Pearce

“This sick bed is a Bethel to me; it is none other than the house of God, and the gate of heaven. I can scarcely express the pleasures that I have enjoyed in this affliction. The nearer I draw to my dissolution, the happier I am. It scarcely can be called an affliction, it so counterbalanced with _____.” - Samuel Pearce