

No Lawlessness - Only Love

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Matthew 24:12-13 *"And because lawlessness will abound, the love of many will grow cold. But he who endures to the end shall be saved."*

The Word of God reveals to us the harm caused when God's people do not consider how special we are to Him. You ask: How do we keep our love from going cold? The answer is: We must go to the origin to replenish it. Where is this origin? Where does genuine love come from? You will find the answer in **1John 4:19: "We love Him because He first loved us."**

Continuing to the next verse, Matthew 24:13 reinforces the topic: **"But he who endures to the end shall be saved."** Verse 12 conveys people without

faith in God's love for us, along with growing cold and not enduring. In verse 13, "but" implies that those with faith in His love will endure and be saved. Our Lord Jesus sets up a contrast.

Over the past few decades or so, what has happened is nothing compared to what is in our future. Some might face troubled times, pandemics, and persecution. Family and friends may turn on us. Members of the church will pass away. There may be no earthly evidence to perceive how much God loves us when all this happens. How will we bear those times? We shall, but only if we unquestionably believe in how special we are to The Lord and how much He loves us. This is the faith required to endure any trial. There is no room for disbelief - only God's overflowing love for you and me.

At His service,
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