

Devotional Thoughts :: We are not flogged into loving Him, but are drawn by love into love. -Philpot

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We are not flogged into loving Him, but are drawn by love into love. Love cannot be bought or sold. It is an inward affection that flows naturally and necessarily towards its object, and all connected with it. And thus, as love flows out to Jesus, the affections instinctively and necessarily set themselves "on things above, and not on things on the earth." Jesus must be revealed to our soul by the power of God before we can see His beauty and blessedness—[^]and so fall in love with Him as "the chief among ten thousand, and the altogether lovely One." Then everything that . . . speaks of Christ, savors of Christ, breathes of Christ, becomes inexpressibly sweet and precious! In no other way can our affections be lifted up from earth to heaven. We cannot control our affections[^]—they will run out of their own accord. If then our affections are earthly, they will run towards earthly objects. If they are carnal and sensual, they will flow towards carnal and sensual objects.

But when the Lord Jesus Christ, by some manifestation of His glory and blessedness[^]—or the Holy Spirit, by taking of the things of Christ and revealing them to the soul[^]—sets Him before our eyes as the only object worthy of, and claiming every affection of our heart[^]—then the affections flow out, I was going to say naturally, but most certainly spiritually, towards Him. And when this is the case, the affections are set on things above. -Philpot

Re: We are not flogged into loving Him, but are drawn by love into love. -Philpot - posted by Lydo (), on: 2010/11/10 4:2

Hi StarofG0D,

This is a beautiful article.
Thank you so much for posting this.

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Re: - posted by PaulWest (), on: 2010/11/10 7:33

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Beautiful indeed. Philpot's devotions are always beautifully profound in a simplistic sort of way. So wonderfully uplifting and true. Great way to start the day! Thank you for posting "fresh bread", as it were. O taste and see that the Lord is good!