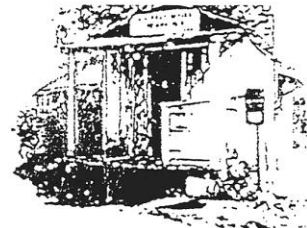




# The Acmar Soul Miner

*Searching for wisdom  
As for hidden treasures...  
For the Lord gives wisdom*



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## Love Is In the Soul

Love is eternal. God is love. Love prompted our creation and permeates our being.

Poetry is often the language of romantic love. Elizabeth Barrett Browning (1806-1861) was an English poet who was popular in both Britain and the United States.

The following poem was Sonnet 43 out of 44 *Portuguese Sonnets*. It expresses her intense love for her husband, Robert Browning.

### How Do I love thee?

How do I love thee? Let me count the ways.  
I love thee to the depth  
and breadth and height  
My soul can reach, when feeling out of sight  
For the ends of being and ideal grace.  
I love thee to the level of every day's  
Most quiet need, by sun and candle-light.  
I love thee freely, as men strive for right.  
I love thee purely, as they turn from praise.  
I love thee with the passion put to use  
In my old griefs, and  
with my childhood's faith.  
I love thee with a love I seemed to lose  
With my lost saints.  
I love thee with the breath,  
Smiles, tears, of all my life;  
and, if God choose,  
I shall but love thee better after death.

Henry van Dyke, Jr. (1852-1933), American author, educator, diplomat, and Presbyterian clergyman, writes of the timelessness of love.

### Time Is

Too Slow for those who Wait,  
Too Swift for those who Fear,  
Too Long for those who Grieve,  
Too Short for those who Rejoice;  
But for those who Love,  
Time is not.

The Bible has many expressions of love. The Song of Solomon 8:6-7 poetically declares.

Set me as a seal upon your heart,  
As a seal upon your arm;  
For love is as strong as death ...  
Many waters cannot quench love,  
Nor can the floods drown it.

The Bible speaks of love many times with different words. The Hebrew has three words.

**Hesed – lovingkindness.** This is the most significant word for love in the Bible. Translated as lovingkindness because no Greek or English word has an equivalence. Fidelity, loyalty, patience, mercy, grace, forgiveness, covenant faithfulness, and salvation are all concepts tied up with God's lovingkindness. (Jeremiah 31:3; Psalm 103:4)

**Ahab – to love.** No special significance.

**Dod – romantic love.** Used throughout the Song of Solomon.

In the New Testament Greek manuscripts, we find these two words: Phileo and Agape.

**Phileo – fraternal or friendly love.** The love that you would show a brother or a friend who is closer than a brother. God loves the Son (John 5:20) and us (John 16:26) with phileo.

**Agape – self-sacrificial love.** This word conveys a conscious action rather than an emotional feeling. It describes the love God has (1 John 4:8) and shows His Son (John 17:26) and Christians (John 14:21). It is also used in describing God's love for the entire human race (Romans 5:8).

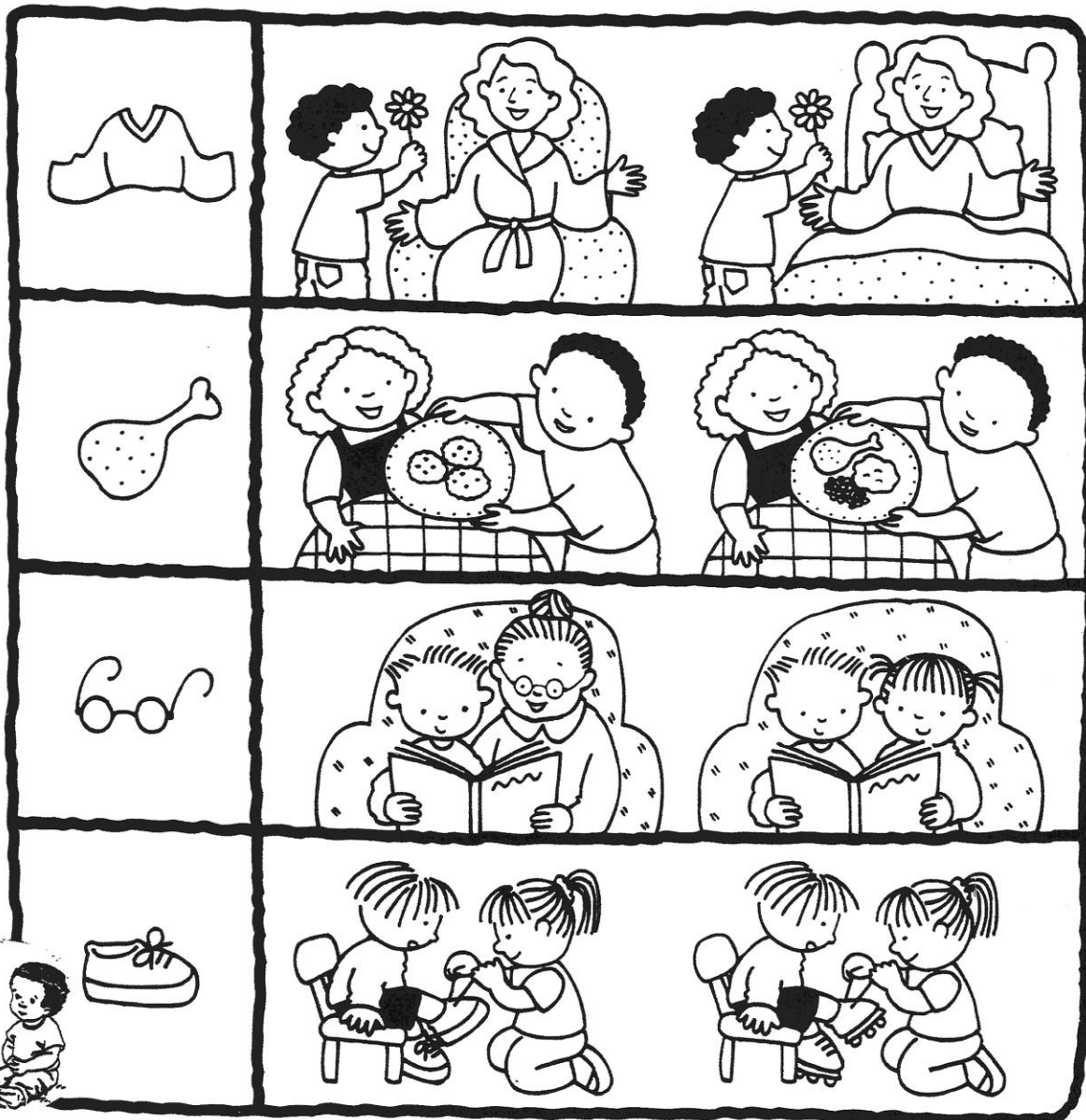
**Now abide faith, hope, love, these three; but the greatest of these is love. (1 Cor. 13:13)**

# Children's Camp



Look at the picture at the beginning of each row.

Draw a ○ around the picture of which it is a part.



The wisdom of God.

We see it in verses but sometimes we have to dig to uncover the meaning.

**Look Here:**

***Beloved, God loves us and sent Jesus. We also ought to love one another.***

***(1 John 4:11)***

**Digging In:**

God loves us and sent Jesus to tell us. Jesus also showed God's love for us. We show God that we love Him.

God tells us to love other people. We show our love by doing good to others. Loving others shows our love for God.

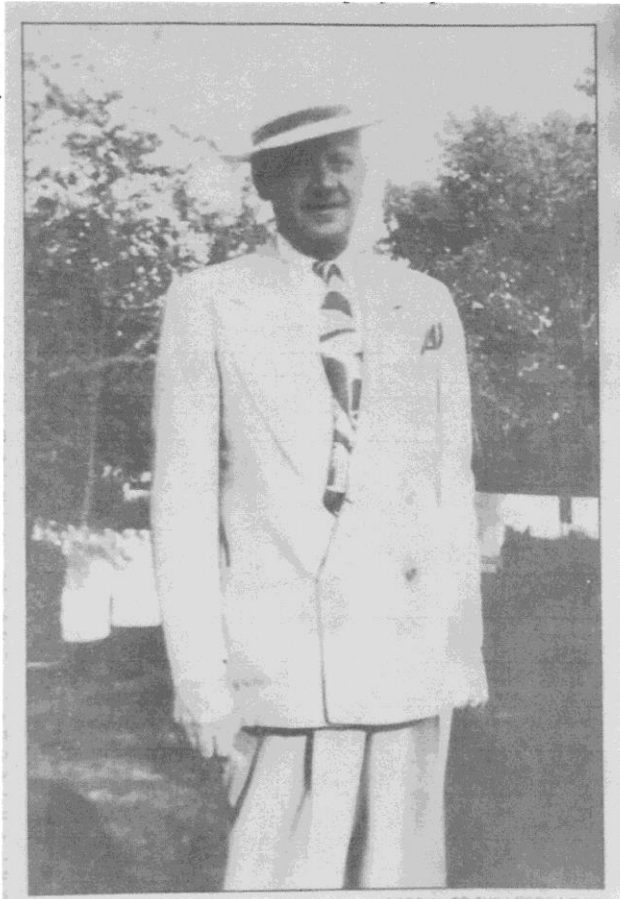
## The Acmar Community Quilt

Alabama Fuel & Iron Company knew they needed to provide many important amenities to attract and keep employees. DeBardleben's vision of self-sufficient communities meant providing access to what the miners and their families might need.

Dr. E.C. Clayton was brought to Acmar to provide medical care as needed. If there were injuries or illness requiring hospitalization, the people would be sent to South Highlands Infirmary in Birmingham. Many "Old Timers" remembered Dr. Clayton for everything from births, fevers, childhood diseases, and injuries sustained in the mines. The local story says that when someone had a son, Dr. Clayton would tell them that if they named the boy after him; he would buy the child his first suit when he turned 12. There were many young men around Acmar with variations of the doctor's name and it is said that he really did keep his word.

After many years at Acmar, Dr. Clayton moved to Leeds in the 1930's where he established the Clayton Clinic. Many of his Acmar patients would also see him there.

Dr. Clayton was also instrumental in providing information on a murder case, a story that would fit right in with modern CSI stories on TV! In August 1935, two young men were found dead on a road near Cook Springs. The sheriff and coroner said they must have been killed in an auto accident, and the young men were buried. However, the family of one of the men maintained that they believed the young men had been murdered. Finally the body of one of the men was exhumed. Dr. Clayton performed an autopsy and gave the opinion that the men had been murdered and then placed in the road, that they had not died from an auto accident. There were four suspects in the case, but unfortunately, we do not know the final outcome.



Dr. Clayton continued his medical practice at the clinic until his death in November of 1948.

February 2024

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
<b>BIBLE STUDY 10 a</b> Wednesday February 21 February 28	Louie Giglio DVD "Goliath Must Fall"	Winning the Battle Against Your Giants		1	2  GROUNDHOG	3  Amy Gable
4 <b>CHURCH 9 am</b> Church Meeting 10:15 am	5	6	7 MCA 3-5 pm White's Chapel  Serenity Johnson	8 <b>MOODY BINGO 10 a</b>  Candice Turner Micah Roof	9  Walker Sims	10  Ashley Anderson
11  <b>CHURCH 9 am</b>	12	13	14 <b>VALENTINE DAY</b> ASH WED. Acmar 6 p	15	16	17  Jim Anderson
18 <b>CHURCH 9 a</b>  Brent Bonham	19 	20	21 <b>BIBLE STUDY 10 a</b> MCA 3-5 p  Johnny Lee	22  Sandi Nicholson	23	24
25  <b>CHURCH 9 am</b>	26	27	28  <b>BIBLE STUDY 10 a</b>	29	Audio Sermon Podcasts On Website	<i>Soul Miner</i> on the Website in Gallery

**Soul Food for February**

Mon., January 29 **Isaiah 40:21-31**  
 Tue., January 30 **Psalms 147:1-11, 20c**  
 Wed., January 31 **1 Corinthians 9:16-23**  
 Thur., February 1 **Mark 1:29-39**  
 Fri., February 2 **Luke 18:15-17**  
 Sat., February 3 **Psalms 56:1-13**

Mon., February 5 **2 Kings 2:1-12**  
 Tue., February 6 **Psalms 50:1-6**  
 Wed., February 7 **2 Corinthians 4:3-6**  
 Thur., February 8 **Mark 9:2-9**  
 Fri., February 9 **Luke 12:22-34**  
 Sat., February 10 **Psalms 18:1-6**

Mon., February 12 **Genesis 9:8-17**  
 Tue., February 13 **Psalms 25:1-10**  
 Wed., February 14 **1 Peter 3:18-22**  
 Thur., February 15 **Mark 1:9-15**  
 Fri., February 16 **2 Corinthians 5:16-21**  
 Sat., February 17 **Ephesians 4:25-32**

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 Travel 1 mile; Turn right on Acmar Rd.; travel 2 miles;  
 Left onto Old Acton Rd., Church is on the left



Mon., February 19 **Genesis 17:1-7, 15-16**  
 Tue., February 20 **Psalms 22:23-31**  
 Wed., February 21 **Romans 4:13-25**  
 Thur., February 22 **Mark 8:31-38**  
 Fri., February 23 **2 Corinthians 1:3-7**  
 Sat., February 24 **Philippians 4:4-7**

Mon., February 26 **Exodus 20:1-17**  
 Tue., February 27 **Psalms 19**  
 Wed., February 28 **1 Corinthians 1:18-25**  
 Thur., February 29 **John 2:13-21**  
 Fri., March 1  
 Sat., March 2