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(Part 2) I Corinthians 2:9, **“But as it is written, Eye hath not seen, nor ear heard, neither have entered into the heart of man, the things which God hath prepared for them that love him.”**

Loving God seems natural to the children of God who have loved Him since childhood, or have been converted of late and can see the stark difference in their lives. I Corinthians 2:9 and its companion scripture in the Old Testament, Isaiah 64:4, are nearly identical in their wording. However, the ending is worded differently. In I Corinthians 2:9 it ends **“prepared for them that LOVE him”** while in Isaiah 64:4 it ends **“prepared for him that WAITETH for him.”** There is a reason for the difference. **“Them that love him”** (in the gospel age) refers to those who have been made a Jew inwardly having been born of the Spirit of God while **“him that waiteth for him”** refers to the Jewish Nation (Old Testament) that were eagerly awaiting the coming of the Messiah. Then, looking at the similarity of the two words used, we find that to **“love”** God is to meditate on the teachings of the gospel of what He has done, is doing, and will do for His beloved children. In relationship, we find that to **“wait”** for him, is also to meditate on all of His promises while understanding what He has done, is doing, and will yet do. They are directly linked to a great expectation of what God would have us to know about the grand experiences that await all of the children of God. So much so that we cannot comprehend the magnitude of our inheritance which the Lord hath prepared for them that love and wait for His appearing. That’s why John wrote, **“Blessed are the dead which die in the Lord from henceforth”** (Revelation 14:13). *Think about it!*