

What Manner of Love

A missionary on the foreign field employed a heathen to help him translate the New Testament into the native language. The missionary would read the verses; then the heathen would translate and write them down. Finally they came to the first Epistle of John. The missionary read, "Behold, what manner of love the Father hath bestowed upon us." The man translated and wrote down the words. The missionary read on, "that we should be called the sons of God." Then the native bowed his head and wept. "What's the matter?" asked the missionary. The man replied, "Teacher, don't make me put it that way. I know our people. That's too good for them. Put it this way, 'Behold what manner of love the Father hath bestowed upon us, that we may be allowed to kiss His feet!'" ¹

¹ W. Herschel Ford, *Sermons You Can Preach on John*, (Grand Rapids, MI: Zondervan Publishing House, 1958), p. 348.