**John Wesley sermon: The One Thing Needful (146)**

Parent of All Good,

Restore your image of love in me;

  that is the only thing I truly need.

You created me for this one end—to love you.

You redeemed me for this one end—to dwell in love.

You continue to work within me for this one end—

         to perfect my love for you and others.

Love is your very image; the brightness of your glory.

Love not only makes me like you; love makes me one with you.

Fulfill, then, Jesus’ vision for me and all your children:

“Whoever loves me will keep my word.

My Father will love them,

  and we will come to them

  and make our home with them.”

Make your home in my heart, beloved Lover of my soul. Amen.

Chilcote, More Praying in the Wesleyan Spirit, 51

**Charles Wesley hymn:**

Ever fainting with desire,

For thee, O Christ, I call!

Thee I restlessly require,

I want my God, my all.

Jesus, dear redeeming Lord,

I want thy coming from above:

Help me, Savior, speak the word,

And perfect me in love.

Thou, my life, my treasure be,

My portion here below!

Nothing would I seek but thee,

Thee only would I know,

My exceeding great reward,

My heaven on earth, my heaven above:

Help me, Savior, speak the word,

And perfect me in love.

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