

WHO/WHAT GOD LOVES:

Psalms 138:⁸ The LORD will fulfill his purpose for me; your *love*, O LORD, endures forever

THE SON

Matthew 3:¹⁷ And a voice from heaven said, "This is my Son, whom I *love*; with him I am well pleased."

Matthew 12:¹⁸ "Here is *my servant* whom I have chosen, the one I *love*, in whom I delight; I will put my Spirit on him, and he will proclaim justice to the nations.

Colossians 1:¹³ For he has rescued us from the dominion of darkness and brought us into the kingdom of the *Son He loves*,¹⁴ in whom we have redemption, the forgiveness of sins.

Ephesians 1:⁴ For he chose us in him before the creation of the world to be holy and blameless in his sight. In love ⁵ he predestined us to be adopted as his sons through Jesus Christ, in accordance with his pleasure and will— ⁶ to the praise of his glorious grace, which he has freely given us in the *One He loves*

THE CHURCH/DISCIPLES

John 13:³⁴ "A new command I give you: Love one another. As I have *loved* you, so you must love one another.

Ephesians 5:²⁵ Christ *loved* the *church* and gave himself up for her ²⁶ to make her holy, cleansing her by the washing with water through the word, ²⁷ and to present her to himself as a radiant church, without stain or wrinkle or any other blemish, but holy and blameless.

John 14:²¹ Whoever has my commands and obeys them, he is the one who loves me. He who loves me will be *loved* by my Father, and I too will *love* him and show myself to him."²³ Jesus replied, "If anyone loves me, he will obey my teaching. My Father will *love* him, and we will come to him and make our home with him.

OBJECTS (?)

Malachi 2:¹¹ Judah has broken faith. A detestable thing has been committed in Israel and in Jerusalem: Judah has desecrated the *sanctuary* the LORD *loves*, by marrying the daughter of a foreign god. ¹² As for the man who does this, whoever he may be, may the LORD cut him off from the tents of Jacob—even though he brings offerings to the LORD Almighty.

Psalms 87:² the LORD *loves* the *gates* of Zion more than all the dwellings of Jacob.

Revelation 20:⁹ They marched across the breadth of the earth and surrounded the camp of God's people, the *city* he *loves*. But fire came down from heaven and devoured them.

Proverbs 11:¹ The LORD abhors dishonest scales, but *accurate weights* are his *delight*.

THOSE CHRIST DIED FOR

1 John 4:10-11,19 ¹⁰ This is love: not that we loved God, but that he *loved* us and sent his Son as an atoning sacrifice for our sins. ¹¹ Dear friends, since God so *loved* us, we also ought to love one another...¹⁹ We love because he first *loved* us.

Romans 5:⁸ God demonstrates his own *love* for us in this: While we were still sinners, Christ died for us.

Romans 8:²⁹ For those God foreknew he also predestined to be conformed to the likeness of his Son, that he might be the firstborn among many brothers. ³⁰ And those he predestined, he also called; those he called, he also justified; those he justified, he also glorified. ³¹ What, then, shall we say in response to this? If God is for us, who can be against us? ³² He who did not spare his own Son, but gave him up for us all—how will he not also, along with him, graciously give us all things? ³³ Who will bring any charge against those whom God has chosen? It is God who justifies. ³⁴ Who is he that condemns? Christ Jesus, who died—more than that, who was raised to life—is at the right hand of God and is also interceding for us. ³⁵ Who shall separate us from the *love* of Christ? Shall trouble or hardship or persecution or famine or nakedness or danger or sword?

Ephesians 2:⁴ But because of his great *love* for us, God, who is rich in mercy, ⁵ made us alive with Christ even when we were dead in transgressions—it is by grace you have been saved. ⁶ And God raised us up with Christ and seated us with him in the heavenly realms in Christ Jesus,

Ephesians 5:1 Be imitators of God, therefore, as dearly loved children ² and live a life of love, just as Christ *loved* us and gave himself up for us as a fragrant offering and sacrifice to God.

JUSTICE

Psalms 11:⁷ For the LORD is righteous, he *loves* justice; upright men will see his face.

Psalm 33:⁵ The LORD *loves righteousness* and *justice*; the earth is full of his unfailing love.

Isaiah 61:⁸ “For I, the LORD, *love justice*; I hate robbery and iniquity. In my faithfulness I will reward them and make an everlasting covenant with them.”

RIGHTEOUS

Daniel 9:⁴ I prayed to the LORD my God and confessed: “O Lord, the great and awesome God, who keeps his covenant of *love* with all *who love him and obey his commands*,

Psalm 37:²⁸ For the LORD *loves the just* and will not forsake his faithful ones. They will be protected forever, but the offspring of the wicked will be cut off;

Psalm 146:8 the LORD *loves the righteous*.

Psalm 147:¹¹ the LORD *delights* in those who *fear him*, who put their hope in his unfailing love.

Proverbs 5:⁹ The LORD detests the way of the wicked but he *loves* those *who pursue righteousness*.

Proverbs 11:²⁰ The LORD detests men of perverse heart but he *delights* in those *whose ways are blameless*.

Proverbs 12:²² The LORD detests lying lips, but he *delights* in *men who are truthful*.

2 Cor 9:7 God *loves a cheerful giver*.

1 Samuel 15:22 “Does the LORD *delight* in burnt offerings and sacrifices as much as in *obeying the voice of the LORD*? To obey is better than sacrifice, and to heed is better than the fat of rams. ²³ For rebellion is like the sin of divination, and arrogance like the evil of idolatry. Because you have rejected the word of the LORD, he has rejected you as king.”

Jeremiah 9: ²³ This is what the LORD says: “Let not the wise man boast of his wisdom or the strong man boast of his strength or the rich man boast of his riches, ²⁴ but let him who boasts boast about this: that he *understands and knows me*, that I am the LORD, who exercises kindness, justice and righteousness on earth, for in these I *delight*,” declares the LORD.

COVENANT PEOPLE-from the OT

Israel, Judah

Deuteronomy 7:⁸ But it was because the LORD *loved* you and kept the oath he swore to your forefathers that he brought you out with a mighty hand and redeemed you from the land of slavery, from the power of Pharaoh king of Egypt.

Deuteronomy 23:⁵ However, the LORD your God would not listen to Balaam but turned the curse into a blessing for you, because the LORD your God *loves* you.

Deuteronomy 33:¹² About Benjamin he said: “Let the beloved of the LORD rest secure in him, for he shields him all day long, and the one the LORD *loves* rests between his shoulders.”

2 Chronicles 2:11 “Because the LORD *loves* his people, he has made you their king.”

Jeremiah 31:1ff “At that time,” declares the LORD, “I will be the God of all the clans of *Israel*, and they will be my people.” ² This is what the LORD says: “The people who survive the sword will find favor in the desert; I will come to give rest to Israel.” ³ The LORD appeared to us in the past, saying: “I have *loved* you with an everlasting love;

Hosea 1:6 I will no longer show love to the house of Israel, that I should at all forgive them. ⁷ Yet I will show *love* to the house of *Judah*; and I will save them

Hosea 3:1 The LORD said to me, “Go, show your love to your wife again, though she is loved by another and is an adulteress. Love her as the LORD *loves* the *Israelites*, though they turn to other gods and love the sacred raisin cakes.”

Malachi 1:² “I have *loved you*,” says the LORD. “But you ask, ‘How have you loved us?’ “Was not Esau Jacob’s brother?” the LORD says. “Yet I have *loved Jacob*, ³ but Esau I have hated, and I have turned his mountains into a wasteland and left his inheritance to the desert jackals.”

David and His Seed

Isaiah 55:³ Give ear and come to me; hear me, that your soul may live. I will make an everlasting covenant with you, my faithful *love* promised to *David*.

2 Samuel 12:²⁴ Then David comforted his wife Bathsheba, and he went to her and lay with her. She gave birth to a son, and they named him *Solomon*. The LORD *loved* him; ²⁵ and because the LORD loved him, he sent word through Nathan the prophet to name him Jedidiah