

VERSES ON LOVE

Exodus 20:5-6 5 You shall not bow down to them or serve them, for I, Yahweh your God, am a jealous God, visiting the iniquity of the fathers on the children to the third and the fourth generation of those who hate me, 6 but showing loyal love to thousands of those who love me and keep my commandments.

Leviticus 19:17-18 17 You shall not hate your brother in your heart, but you shall reason frankly with your neighbor, lest you incur sin because of him. 18 You shall not take vengeance or bear a grudge against the sons of your own people, but you shall love (אהב) your neighbor as yourself: I am Yahweh.

Leviticus 19:33-34 33 When a stranger sojourns with you in your land, you shall not do him wrong. 34 You shall treat the stranger who sojourns with you as the native among you, and you shall love (אהב) him as yourself, for you were strangers in the land of Egypt: I am Yahweh your God.

Deuteronomy 6:4-5 4 Hear, O Israel: Yahweh our God, Yahweh is one. 5 You shall love Yahweh your God with all your heart, with all your soul, and with all your might.

Deuteronomy 10:18-19 18 [Yahweh] executes justice for the fatherless and the widow, and loves the sojourner, giving him food and clothing. 19 Love the sojourner, therefore, for you were sojourners in the land of Egypt.

Deuteronomy 30:6 6 And Yahweh your God will circumcise your heart and the heart of your seed, so that you will love Yahweh your God with all your heart and with all your soul, that you may live.

Psalms 116:1 1 I love Yahweh, because he has heard my voice and my pleas for mercy.

Proverbs 10:12 12 Hatred stirs up strife, but love covers all offences.

Matthew 5:43-48 43 You have heard that it was said, You shall love your neighbour and hate your enemy. 44 But I say to you, Love your enemies and pray for those who persecute you, 45 so that you may be sons of your Father who is in heaven. For he makes his sun rise on the evil and on the good, and sends rain on the just and on the unjust. 46 For if you love those who love you, what reward do you have? Do not even the tax collectors do the same? 47 And if you greet only your brothers, what more are you doing than others? Do not even the Gentiles do the same? 48 You therefore must be perfect, as your heavenly Father is perfect.

Matthew 22:35-40 35 And one of them, a lawyer, asked [Jesus] a question to test him. 36 Teacher, which is the great commandment in the Torah? 37 And he said to him, You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart, with all your soul, and with all your mind. 38 This is the great and first commandment. 39 And a second is like it: You shall love your neighbour as yourself. 40 On these two commandments depend all the Torah and the Prophets.

Luke 6:35-36 35 But love your enemies, do good, and lend, expecting nothing in return, and your reward will be great, and you will be sons¹ of the Most High, for he is kind to the ungrateful and the evil.

John 5:42 42 But I know that you do not have the love of God within you.

John 13:34-35 34 A new commandment I give to you, that you love one another. Just as I have loved you, you also are to love one another. 35 By this all people will know that you are my disciples, if you have love for one another.

John 14:15 15 If you love me, you will keep my commandments.

John 15:12-17 12 This is my commandment, that you love one another as I have loved you. 13 Greater love has no one than this, that someone lay down his life for his friends. 14 You are my friends if you do what I command you. ... 17 These things I command you, so that you will love one another.

John 17:26 26 I made known to them your name, and I will continue to make it known, that the love with which you have loved me may be in them, and I in them.

Romans 5:5 5 ... And hope does not put us to shame, because God's love has been poured into our hearts through the Holy Spirit who has been given to us.

Romans 12:9-10 9 Let love be genuine. Abhor what is evil. Hold fast to what is good. 10 Love one another with brotherly affection. Outdo one another in showing honour.

Romans 13:8-10 8 Owe no one anything, except to love each other, for the one who loves another has fulfilled the Torah. 9 For the commandments, You shall not commit adultery, You shall not murder, You shall not steal, You shall not covet, and any other commandment, are summed up in this word: You shall love your neighbour as yourself. 10 Love does no wrong to a neighbour. Therefore love is the fulfilling of the Torah.

1 Corinthians 8:3 3 But if anyone loves (ἀγαπάω, pres.) God, he is known (γινώσκω, perf. pass.) by him.

1 Corinthians 12:31-13:13 31 And I will show you a still more excellent way. 1 If I speak in the tongues of men and of angels, but have not love, I am a noisy gong or a clanging cymbal. 2 And if I have prophetic powers, and understand all mysteries and all knowledge, and if I have all faith, so as to remove mountains, but have not love, I am nothing. 3 If I give away all I have, and if I deliver up my body to be burned, but have not love, I gain nothing. 4 Love is patient and kind. Love does not envy or boast. It is not arrogant 5 or rude. It does not insist on its own way. It is not irritable or resentful. 6 It does not rejoice at wrongdoing, but rejoices with the truth. 7 Love bears all things, believes all things, hopes all things, endures all things.

¹ We are sons of God, and we act most like sons of God when we love our enemies.

8 Love never ends. ...13 So now faith, hope, and love abide, these three, but the greatest of these is love.

1 Corinthians 16:14 14 Let all that you do be done in love.

1 Corinthians 16:24 24 My love be with you all in Messiah Jesus. Amen.

2 Corinthians 2:4 4 ...I wrote to you out of much affliction and anguish of heart and with many tears, not to cause you pain but to let you know the abundant love that I have for you.

Galatians 5:6 6 ...In Messiah Jesus neither circumcision nor uncircumcision counts for anything, but only faith working through love.

Galatians 5:13-14 13 ...You were called to freedom, brothers and sisters. Only do not use your freedom as an opportunity for the flesh, but through love serve one another. 14 For the whole law is fulfilled in one saying: You shall love your neighbour as yourself.

Galatians 5:22-23 22 ...The fruit of the Spirit is love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, 23 gentleness, self-control. Against such things there is no law.

Ephesians 1:15-16 15 ...Because I have heard of your faith in the Lord Jesus and your love toward all the saints, 16 I do not cease to give thanks for you, remembering you in my prayers....

Ephesians 4:15-16 15 ...Speaking the truth in love, we are to grow up in every way into him who is the head, into Messiah, 16 from whom the whole body, joined and held together by every joint with which it is equipped, when each part is working properly, makes the body grow so that it builds itself up in love.

Ephesians 5:2 2 ...Walk in love, as Messiah loved us and gave himself up for us, a fragrant offering and sacrifice to God.

Colossians 1:3-4 3 We always thank God, the Father of our Lord Jesus Messiah, when we pray for you, 4 because we heard of your faith in Messiah Jesus and of the love that you have for all the saints....

Colossians 3:14 14 And above all these put on love, which binds everything together in perfect harmony.

Philippians 1:9-10 9 ...It is my prayer that your love may abound more and more, with knowledge and all discernment, 10 so that you may approve what is excellent, and so be pure and blameless for the day of Messiah....

1 Thessalonians 1:2-3 2 We give thanks to God always for all of you, constantly mentioning you in our prayers, 3 remembering before our God and Father your work of faith, labor of love, and steadfastness of hope in our Lord Jesus Messiah.

1 Thessalonians 3:12 12 ...And may the Lord [Jesus] make you increase and abound in love for one another and for all, as we do for you....

1 Thessalonians 4:9-10 9 Now concerning brotherly love you have no need for anyone to write to you, for you yourselves have been taught by God to love one another, 10 for that indeed is what you are doing to all the brothers and sisters throughout Macedonia. But we urge you, brothers and sisters, to do this more and more....

2 Thessalonians 1:3 3 We ought always to give thanks to God for you, brothers and sisters, as is right, because your faith is growing abundantly, and the love of every one of you for one another is increasing.

1 Timothy 1:5 5 The aim of our charge is love that issues from a pure heart, a good conscience, and a sincere faith.

Hebrews 6:10 10 For God is not unjust so as to overlook your work and the love that you have shown for his name in serving the saints, as you still do.

Hebrews 10:24 24 And let us consider how to stir up one another to love and good works....

James 2:8 8 If you really fulfill the royal law according to the Scripture, You shall love your neighbour as yourself, you are doing well.

1 Peter 1:22 22 Having purified your souls by your obedience to the truth for a sincere brotherly love, love one another earnestly from a pure heart....

1 Peter 2:17 17 Love the fellowship of believers (ἀδελφότης).

1 Peter 4:8 8 Above all, keep loving (ἀγάπη) one another earnestly (πρὸ πάντων τὴν εἰς ἑαυτοὺς ἀγάπην ἐκτενῆ ἔχοντες), because love (ἀγάπη) covers a multitude of sins.

1 Peter 5:14 14 Greet one another with the kiss of love.

2 Peter 1:5-8 5 ...Make every effort to supplement your faith with virtue, and virtue with knowledge, 6 and knowledge with self-control, and self-control with steadfastness, and steadfastness with godliness, 7 and godliness with brotherly affection, and brotherly affection with love. 8 For if these qualities are yours and are increasing, they keep you from being ineffective or unfruitful in the knowledge of our Lord Jesus Messiah.

1 John 2:15 15 Do not love the world or the things in the world. If anyone loves the world, the love of the Father is not in him.

1 John 3:10-23 10 By this it is evident who are the children of God, and who are the children of the devil: whoever does not practice righteousness is not of God, nor is the one who does not love his brother. 11 For this is the message that you have heard from the beginning, that

we should love one another. . . . 14 We know that we have passed out of death into life, because we love the brothers. Whoever does not love abides in death. 15 Everyone who hates his brother is a murderer, and you know that no murderer has eternal life abiding in him. 16 By this we know love, that he laid down his life for us, and we ought to lay down our lives for the brothers. 17 But if anyone has the world's goods and sees his brother in need, yet closes his heart against him, how does God's love abide in him? 18 Little children, let us not love in word or talk but in deed and in truth. 19 By this we shall know that we are of the truth and reassure our heart before him. 20 For whenever our heart condemns us, God is greater than our heart, and he knows everything. 21 Beloved, if our heart does not condemn us, we have confidence before God. 22 And whatever we ask we receive from him, because we keep his commandments and do what pleases him. 23 And this is his commandment, that we believe in the name of his Son Jesus Christ and love one another, just as he has commanded us.

1 John 4:7-21 7 Beloved, let us love one another, for love is from God, and whoever loves has been born of God and knows God. 8 Anyone who does not love does not know God, because God is love. 9 In this the love of God was made manifest among us, that God sent his only Son into the world, so that we might live through him. 10 In this is love, not that we have loved God but that he loved us and sent his Son to be the propitiation for our sins. 11 Beloved, if God so loved us, we also ought to love one another. 12 No one has ever seen God. If we love one another, God abides in us and his love is perfected in us. 13 By this we know that we abide in him and he in us, because he has given us of his Spirit. 14 And we have seen and testify that the Father has sent his Son to be the Savior of the world. 15 Whoever confesses that Jesus is the Son of God, God abides in him, and he in God. 16 So we have come to know and to believe the love that God has for us. God is love, and whoever abides in love abides in God, and God abides in him. 17 By this is love perfected with us, so that we may have confidence for the day of judgment, because as he is so also are we in this world. 18 There is no fear in love, but perfect love casts out fear. For fear has to do with punishment, and whoever fears has not been perfected in love. 19 We love because he first loved us. 20 If anyone says, I love God, and hates his brother, he is a liar, for he who does not love his brother whom he has seen cannot love God whom he has not seen. 21 And this commandment we have from him: whoever loves God must also love his brother.

1 John 5:1-3 1 Everyone who believes that Jesus is the Messiah has been born of God, and everyone who loves the Father loves whoever has been born of him. 2 By this we know that we love the children of God, when we love God and obey his commandments. 3 For this is the love of God, that we keep his commandments. And his commandments are not burdensome [if we are empowered by his Spirit].

2 John 5-6 5 And now I ask you, dear lady—not as though I were writing you a new commandment, but the one we have had from the beginning—that we love one another. 6 And this is love, that we walk according to his commandments. This is the commandment, just as you have heard from the beginning, so that you should walk in it.