

How Deep The Father's Love For Us

Mark 12:28-34

How **deep** the Father's **love** for us,
How **vast** beyond all measure!
That He should **give** His only Son,
To make a **wretch** His **treasure**.

Luke 20:2: Tell us, by what **authority** are You doing **these things**? Or who is he who gave You this **authority**?

John 2:16: Do not make **My Father's house** a house of merchandise!

Luke 20:25: **Render** therefore **to Caesar** the **things that are Caesar's**, and **to God** the **things that are God's**.



God **deserves** that **you give Him** the **worship**, **praise**, **glory**, **obedience**, **love**, **trust**, and **service** that He is **due**!

Matthew 22:29: Jesus said to them, "**You are mistaken**, **not knowing the Scriptures** nor the **power of God**."

Exodus 3:6: **I am** the God of **your father** - the God of **Abraham**, the God of **Isaac**, and the God of **Jacob**.

Luke 20:39-40: Then some of the scribes answered and said, "Teacher, You have spoken well." But after that they dared not question Him anymore.

Mark 12:28-29: Then one of the scribes came, and having heard them reasoning together, perceiving that He had answered them well, asked Him, "Which is the first commandment of all?" Jesus answered him, "The first of all the commandments is: Hear, Oh Israel, the Lord our God, the Lord is one." (Deuteronomy 6:4-5)

Hear (**Shema**) - to hear (spiritually, intelligently, attentively) to give one's undivided attention

Lord (**YHWH** 2300 times in Old Testament) - The Eternally Existing One

God (**Elohim**) - Almighty God (Plural)

one (**echad**) - speaks of compound unity (Genesis 2:24)

one (**yacheed**) - absolutely one

YHWH is both plural and yet He is one, which is the basis for the trinity!

one - also carries here the idea of **uniqueness!**

YHWH alone is God and there is no other! There are none like **him!**

Mark 12:30: You shall love the Lord your God with all your **heart**, with all your **soul**, and with all your **mind** and with all your **strength**.

Loving God with **every part of your being!**

Loving God with **all that is within you!**
(Psalm 103:1)

To **Love God with all your** heart speaks of an **undivided heart** or to **wholeheartedly love him!**

2 Chronicles 16:9: For the eyes of the Lord move to and fro throughout the earth that He might show himself strong on behalf those whose **heart is completely His**.

He is the **great, chief, supreme, first, foremost, unequaled, unparalleled, unrivaled,** and **preeminent love of your life!**

To love God with all of your heart is love God with a **superlative love!**

A love **superior** to and **excelling** all other loves in your life!

Antonym - mediocre or half-hearted

To love God with **all of your soul** is for your **inner man** to be completely **surrendered** and **yielded** and **in love** with God.

Loving God with all your **soul** is to love God with a **deep, sincere,** and **genuine** love.

Antonym - shallow, surface, external love

To love God with **all your mind**, speaks of using your **faculties**, and your **intellect** all for His glory!

Loving God is the **reasonable response** to God's love for you!

1 John 4:19: We love Him because He first loved us.

Lastly, to **love God with all your strength** in the Hebrew language speaks of loving God **vehemently** that is with **great heat, with force,** with **fervor** and **passion!**

Antonym - apathy, uninterested and unresponsive, no emotion or excitement

Matthew 24:12: Love of many will grow cold

2 Timothy 3: Men will be lovers of themselves, lovers of money, lovers of pleasure rather than lovers of God.



Bend me!

I'm reaching for you!



Mark 12:32-33: So the scribe said to Him, "Well said, Teacher. You have spoken the truth, for there is one God, and there is no other but He. And to love Him with all the heart, with all the understanding, with all the soul, and with all the strength, and to love one's neighbor as oneself, is more than all the whole burnt offerings and sacrifices."

Mark 12:34: Now when Jesus saw that he answered wisely, He said to him, "**You are not far from the kingdom of God.**"

John 10:9: I am the **door**. If anyone **enters** by Me, he will be saved!

John 3:5: Most assuredly, I say to you, unless one is born of **water** and the **Spirit**, he cannot **enter** the kingdom of God.