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Mt 22:37-40; 1Jn 4:19-21

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God Defines Love.

- i. God loves without cause (1Jn 4:19; Deut 7).**
- ii. Love is sacrificial (1Jn 3:16; 4:10).**
- iii. Includes action (1Jn 3:18; Rom 5:8).**
- iv. Demands obedience (1Jn 4:21; 5:3).**
- v. Demonstrates itself in our relationships (1Jn 4:20).**

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of God's love for us (Deut 7:6f).

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4 Ways to love God from Deut 6:4-9.

- i. Internalize God's Word (v. 6).**
- ii. Teach the Word to your children (v. 7)**
- iii. Live by God's Word (v. 8).**
- iv. Share God's Word with the world (v. 9).**

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5 Ways to love others from Lev 19.

**Live
generously
(vv. 9-10).**

**Live honestly
(vv. 11-12).**

**Treat others
fairly
(vv. 13-14).**

**Judge
righteously
(vv. 15-16).**

**Seek
reconciliation
(v. 17).**

Love God and love others because
God loved you first.