



## YHVH'S 'LOVE FOR YOU' DETAILED

### **The Unwavering Love of YHVH: A Covenantal Examination**

We will bring to life the meaning behind the idea "God Loves You" using ten scriptural passages from the Torah, the Writings the Prophets and Brit Hadasha, Second Testament.

These ten verses demonstrate the love of יהוה YHVH is not a passive emotion but active, covenantal commitment demonstrated through divine deliverance, steadfast faithfulness, and electing grace.

We see how the Torah verses reveals God's love as His choosing grace (Chen), covenantal steadfastness (Hesed), and mighty redemption and Salvation (Geulah V'Yeshua) — attributes that persist "to a thousand generations" and beyond for those who honor His covenant.

#### **I. The Faithful God Keeps Covenant to a Thousand Generations**

כִּי מֵאַהֲבַת יְהוָה אֲתֶכֶם וּמִשְׁמְרוֹ אֶת־הַשְּׁבִעָה...  
..וַיְדַעְתֶּם כִּי־יְהוָה אֱלֹהֵיךָ הוּא הָאֱלֹהִים הָאֵל הַנֶּאֱמָן שֹׁמֵר הַבְּרִית וְהַחֲסֵד לְאַהֲבָיו וְלִשְׁמְרֵי מִצְוֹתָיו לְאֵלֶּיךָ דָּוִד

*"Know therefore that the LORD thy God, he is God, the faithful God, which keepeth covenant and mercy with them that love him and keep his commandments to a thousand generations."*  
**Deuteronomy 7:7-9**

The Hebrew text emphasizes יהוה אֱלֹהֵיךָ YHVH your God is האֵל הַנֶּאֱמָן *haEl ne'eman*, the God who is faithful.

This נֶאֱמָן faithfulness is conditional upon the covenant relationship, specifically:

לְאַהֲבָיו וְלִשְׁמְרֵי מִצְוֹתָיו — *"to those who love him and keep his commandments."*

This is reinforced by Yeshua who declares *"those who love me - will keep my commands"*  
**John 14:15**

The paradox of YHVH's love, is YHVH's foundational love while reciprocal, yet He is initiator: *"We love him, because he first loved us."* **1 John 4:19**

He first loves and chooses, then commands those chosen to remain faithful in love;

וְאַהֲבַתְּ אֶת יְהוָה אֱלֹהֶיךָ בְּכָל־לֵבְבְךָ וּבְכָל־נַפְשְׁךָ וּבְכָל־מְאֹדְךָ  
*You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart, life..." Deut 6:5*

The thousand-generation promise - אֶלֶף דּוֹר - dwarfs human memory, establishing an eternal horizon for covenant fidelity.

## II. An Everlasting Love: Drawn by Lovingkindness

מִרְחֹק יְהוָה נִרְאָה לִי וְאַהֲבַת עוֹלָם אֶהְבֶּתִיךָ עַל־כֵּן מִשְׁכַּתִּיךָ חֶסֶד:

*“The LORD hath appeared of from far time unto me, saying, Yea, I have loved thee with an everlasting love: therefore have I drawn thee with lovingkindness.*  
**Jeremiah 31:3**

Here יהוה Yah reveals Himself as על חסדו — One whose love is from ancient eternity מן־ראשון a מְלֶכֶת עוֹלָם eternal love.

The prophet Jeremiah employs the term חֶסֶד (*chesed*), denoting covenantal lovingkindness, and adds this love *draws* (מִשְׁדָּה) Israel with the cords of lovingkindness. The verb מִשְׁכַּתִּיךָ *drawn* suggests a gracious, pulling action — God’s love is not passive attraction but an active, compelling grace that woos His people.

## III. Love as Mighty Deliverance

כִּי מֵאֲהַבַת יְהוָה אֶתְכֶם וּמִשְׁמֵרוֹ אֶת־הַשְּׁבָעָה אֲשֶׁר נִשְׁבַּע לְאַבְתֵיכֶם הוֹצִיא יְהוָה אֶתְכֶם בְּיַד חֲזָקָה וַיִּפְדֶּךָ מִבֵּית עַבְדִּים מִיַּד פַּרְעֹה מֶלֶךְ־מִצְרָיִם:

*“But because the LORD loved you, and because he would keep the oath which he had sworn unto your fathers, hath the LORD brought you out with a mighty hand, and redeemed you out of the house of slavery, from the hand of Pharaoh king of Egypt.”*  
**Deuteronomy 7:7-8**

This verse connects love directly to the exodus —...הוֹצִיא בְּיַד חֲזָקָה... “...brought out with a mighty hand.” The love of YHVH is inseparable from acts of גְּאֻלָּה *geula*, “redemption.” Note the causal connection: “Because He loved you... He brought you out.” Divine love is not merely affective; it is *effective*, producing tangible liberation.

## IV. Cords of a Man: Gentle Yet Strong

בְּחַבְלֵי אָדָם אֲמַשְׁכֶּם בְּעַבְתוֹת אֲהַבָּה וְאַהֲנִיָּה לָהֶם כַּמְרִימֵי עַל עַל לְחֵיהֶם וְאֵט אֶלְיוֹ אוֹכִיל:

*“I drew them with cords of a man, with bands of love, and I was to them as they who take off the yoke on their jaws, and I laid meat unto them.”* **Hosea 11:4**

The Prophet Hosea presents a beautiful paradox: YHVH draws Israel with “*cords of a man*” חַבְלֵי אָדָם — human cords, meaning compassionately, not coercively. He removes the yokes of oppression, the Egyptian bondage and provides sustenance.

The imagery is intimate: God as Shepherd, gently leading and sustaining His flock.

## V. Precious in His Sight: Exchangeable Value

מֵאַיֶשֶׁר יִקְרָתָּ בְּעֵינַי נִכְבְּדָתָּ וְאֲנִי אֶהְבַּתִּיךָ וְאַתָּה אָדָם תִּתְחַמְּדֶנּוּ וְלְאַמִּים תַּחַת נִפְשָׁךָ:

*“Since thou wast precious in my sight, thou hast been honourable, and I have loved thee: therefore will I give men for thee, and people for thy life.”* **Isaiah 43:3-4**

The Hebrew root **יָקַר** (*yaqar*, “precious”) conveys value and honor. Because Israel is precious (יקרה) in YHVH’s sight, He gives “men” and “people” as exchange value—referring to the nations through whom God sovereignly works for Israel’s preservation.

This is not sentimental love; it is a love that spends resources, sacrifices, and intervenes in man's history itself for the sake of His beloved.

## VI. Resting in Love: The Joy of the Bridegroom

יְהוָה אֱלֹהֶיךָ בְּקִרְבְּךָ גְּבוּר יוֹשִׁיעַ יִשְׂיַע עֲלֶיךָ בְּשִׂמְחָה יִחְרִישׁ בְּאַהֲבָתוֹ יִגִּיל עֲלֶיךָ בְּרִנָּה

*“The LORD thy God in the midst of thee is mighty; he will save, he will rejoice over thee with joy; he will rest in his love, he will rejoice over thee with singing.”* **Zephaniah 3:17**

This verse presents the most intimate portrait of divine love in the Tanakh. YHVH not only saves but *rejoices over* Israel with **שִׂשׂוֹן וְרִנָּן** — *singing and joyful shouting*.

The unusual phrase “*he will rest in his love*” (**יִחְיֶשֶׁה בְּאַהֲבָתוֹ**) suggests a love that finds complete satisfaction in relationship with His people.

The thrice-repeated emphasis on joy underscores that YHVH’s love is not duty but delight.

## VII. Electing Love: Chosen from the Beginning

רַק בְּאַהֲבַתְיֶךָ חָשַׁק יְהוָה לְאַהֲבָה אוֹתָם וַיִּבְחַר בְּזַרְעָם אֶתְחַרֵּם בְּכֶם מִכָּל־הַעַמִּים בַּיּוֹם הַהוּא:

*“Only the LORD had a delight in thy fathers to love them, and he chose their seed after them, even you above all people, as it is this day.”* **Deuteronomy 10:14-15**

The text explicitly states that election originates in divine **חֶפֶץ** *chefetz*, “delight—the LORD chose because He loved. This is unmerited sovereign grace not because Israel was numerous or great, it was not (**Deut. 7:7**), but because YHVH delighted in the fathers. The love precedes the choosing; the choosing flows from the love.

## VIII. YHVH'S LOVE FOR YOU: The First Covenant Expanded with Second Hebrew Revelation — Love That Defies All Forces

Three Second Testament verses explode the revelation of divine love into its full, radiant glory, powerfully expanding and completing the First Testament foundation.

These are not mere additions; they are fulfillment, revealing how the ancient covenant of **חֶסֶד** *chesed* lovingkindness has now been poured out in Mashiach with unstoppable force.

*"For I am persuaded, that neither death, nor life, nor angels, nor principalities, nor powers, nor things present, nor things to come, nor height, nor depth, nor any other creature, shall be able to separate us from the love of God, which is in Christ Jesus our Lord."*

**Romans 8:38–39**

This is the thunderous echo of **Deuteronomy 7:9's** *"to a thousand generations"* לְאֵלֶיךָ דָּוָר — but raised to infinity.

Moses spoke of time; Paul speaks of eternity.

What began as a promise to descendants becomes an unbreakable union with the Living God through Yeshua. The love that guarded Israel through exile now guards you through every spiritual battle, every fear, every grave.

This is not just faithfulness—it is victory. *Hallelujah!* No power in heaven or hell can snatch you from His grip if you are loyal and faithful.

You are not merely covered by בְּרִית *berit* covenant—you are hidden in Mashiach, where no enemy dares tread.

**"בְּמָשִׁיחַ יֵשׁוּעַ" — "in Messiah Yeshua"**

This phrase reveals the new locus of covenant: union, not separation. We are no longer outside looking in — we are grafted and joined into the *everlasting Vine* (**John 15:5**).

The Greek *"en Christō"* reflects the Hebrew idea of being *b'shero* (בְּשָׂרוֹ)—*in His flesh*, in His life. We are grafted into the people of promise (**Romans 11:17**), and thus share in the same *chesed*, lovingkindness that carried Abraham.

## IX. Love That Ignites the Heart

אֲנִיחֶנּוּ אֲהַבִּים כִּי הוּא רִאשׁוֹן אֲהַבֵּנוּ

*"We love him, because he first loved us."* **1 John 4:19**

This one verse captures the heartbeat of the divine connection:

כִּי־יְהוָה אָהַב אֶת־אֲבוֹתֵיכֶם

*"Only the LORD had a delight in thy fathers to love them."*

**Deuteronomy 10:15**

Here John strips away all mystery: Love does not begin with us. It begins with Him.

Before you ever prayed, before you turned, before you knew His name—YHVH loved. He delighted in you. He set His affection upon you *צֶפְחֵץ chephets*, "desire."

And now, your love for Him is not duty—it is response. Like fire catching dry wood, His initiating love ignites ours. You do not strive to earn it. You simply receive it and then overflow with it.

This is grace: to be loved first, so we may learn to love.

"רִאשׁוֹן אֶהְבֶּנּוּ" — *"He first loved us."*

The word *rishon* רִאשׁוֹן means "the first," "the originator." Echoing **Genesis 1:1** — ***Bereishit bara Elohim "In the beginning...."***

Just as YHVH initiated creation, He initiates redemption. His love is the *reshit* רֵאשִׁית — the beginning, the source—from which all true love flows.

## X. Love Beyond Comprehension

*"That Christ may dwell in your hearts by faith; that ye, being rooted and grounded in love, may be able to comprehend with all saints what is the breadth, and length, and depth, and height, and to know the love of Christ, which passeth knowledge, that ye might be filled with all the fulness of God."*

**Ephesians 3:17–19**

יְשִׁישׁ עָלֶיךָ בְּרִנָּה

*"He will rejoice over thee with singing."* **Zephaniah 3:17**

Paul declares: You are invited to know that joy from within. Not just observe it but be and participate in it.

This prayer doesn't ask for comfort. It asks for immersion. To be rooted and grounded **שָׂרוּשִׁים וּמְכוּנְסִים** in *ahavat HaMashiach* means your soul is planted deep in the soil of divine affection.

And when you grasp — even faintly — the dimensions of this love's *breadth, length, depth, and height*, you touch something beyond knowing **אֲשֶׁר עָבַר לְדַעַת**.

God's love surpasses logic. It shatters limits. And the result? You are filled with **מְלֵאוֹת אֱלֹהִים**, "*the fullness of God Himself*," phrasing which echoes **וְסִכַּתִּי כַּפִּי עָלֶיךָ**, "*and I will cover you with My hand*." As Moshe was lovingly hidden in the cleft of the rock to behold God's glory, we are now filled with God's covering, God's presence.

The *Shekhinah* **שְׁכִינָה**, once only in the Temple, now dwells in believers **1 Corinthians 6:19**. The love that once sang over Zion now sings from within you. **Exodus 33:22**

### **THE FINAL REVELATION: From Covenant to Indwelling**

The seven First Testament ideas reveal YHVH's love as:

1. Faithful — **נְאֻמָּן** *ne'eman*
2. Everlasting — **עוֹלָם** *olam*
3. Mighty — **גִּבּוֹר** *gibbor*
4. Gentle — **חַוֵּס** *chus*
5. Precious — **יָקָר** *yaqar*
6. Joyful — **שִׂשׂוֹן** *sason*
7. Electing — **בָּחַר** *bachar*

These three Second Testament ideas complete the story of our divine connection with YHVH:

8. It cannot be broken (**Romans**)
9. It always begins with Him (**John**)
10. It fills you with God (**Ephesians**)

Now, the love that once walked with Adam in the garden, led Israel through the sea, and sang over Zion—can now live inside you.

No longer distant and remote.

No longer only ahistorical.

No longer theoretical, theological or intellectual.

Now very real, very personal, indwelling, permanent, and all-consuming.

The covenant has become communion for all who enter.

The promise has become presence.

The King has drawn near—and He will not let you go.

*YHVH's love isn't just for the prophets, kings, or restricted to the past ages. YHVH's love is for you. Right now. Forever. Amen. Amen.*

### **Conclusion: The Nature of Divine Love**

YHVH's love, as revealed throughout the Torah and Writings, possesses the following distinct attributes:

1. **Covenantal Fidelity (*chesed*):** God keeps His oath “*to a thousand generations,*” demonstrating that love is bound to the בְּרִית *berit*, covenant structure.
2. **Everlasting Eternity:** His love is מְעוֹלָם—“*from eternity,*” is not circumstantial but intrinsic to His nature.
3. **Mighty Deliverance: *Love acts***—bringing out of Egypt, removing yokes, giving nations as ransom.
4. **Gentle Attraction:** He draws with “*cords of a man,*” not coercion but compassionate invitation.
5. **Reciprocal Honor:** He values His people as “precious” and “honorable.”
6. **Joyful Delight:** He rests, rejoices, and sings over His beloved.
7. **Electing Grace:** The origin of this love lies not in the loved but in the Lover — who chooses and delights according to His sovereign will.

Thus, the love of *YHVH* is not mere feeling but a **mighty, covenantal commitment** that redeems, sustains, and delights in those He has called His own.

YHVH's love is inextricably linked to His covenant, His *berit*, those upon whom He has chosen and redeemed.

His love is a “*Mighty One*” that rescues, delivers, and rejoices over His people.

For those who honor His Word, YHVH's love is a covenantal commitment that remains steadfast “*to a thousand generations.*”