

# God Always Loves You!

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**Jn 16:27** *the Father Himself loves you because*  
**Judges 6:12** *The LORD is with thee, thou*  
**Daniel 3:25** *Look! I see four men loose, walking*  
**Matt 22:36** *Thou shalt love the Lord thy God*  
**Matt 22:39** *"The second is like the first"*

**1** It is a great feeling to know someone really loves you—and they *value* your being in their life; they always speak *well* of you; they defend you; and they pray for God's presence, peace, and protection to be with you—always!

**2** God loves us and has shown His love and favor from the beginning. **AV John 16:27** *"For the Father himself loveth you, because ye have loved me."*

**3** God *always* loves us and wanted to be with His creation from day one. He walked in the cool of the Garden with Adam—when everything was perfect, because the first two had perfect faith in Him.

**4** He wanted to spend time with them, but they chose to sin—breaking fellowship with God.

**5** When God appeared at Mamre, He sat with Abraham at the doorway of his tent.

**6** God loved Jacob who struggled with Him for a blessing. God then changed Jacob's name to *Israel*—meaning *a prince with God*.

**7** Jacob was never the same after that encounter and no one else is the same after meeting *with* and trusting *on* God.

**8** As a pillar of fire, God protected the Israelites when they left Egypt—nothing could harm them.

**9** And God's love was shown toward Balaam when he rode through a narrow mountain pass as the angel had a drawn sword—but God spared his life **Numbers 22:33**.

**10** God wants *our* attention even though we do not realize we always have *His*! He is always thinking of *us*, even when we turn away from the narrow path of faith in *Him*.

**11** When we get into trouble, the blame is put on the devil and our own bad choices.

**12** The Lord loved Joshua **NKJV Joshua 1:5** *"No man shall be able to stand before you all the days of your life; as I was with Moses, so I will be with you."*

**13** The angel said **NKJV Joshua 5:14** *"As Commander of the army of the LORD I have now come." And Joshua fell on his face to the earth and worshiped."*

**14** We are to worship only *God* since He *created* everything and everyone.

**15** God told Joshua **AV Joshua 6:2** *"Compass the city seven times and blow with the trumpets."*

**16** They followed the instructions and **Joshua 6:20** *"When the people heard the sound of the trumpet, and the people shouted with a great shout, that the wall fell down flat—and they took the city."*

**17** God will *keep* His promise when we *keep* His Word.

**18** God loved Gideon and told him he would be used to save the Jewish people. **AV Judges 6:12** *"The LORD is with thee, thou mighty man of valour."*

**19** Gideon replied **NKJV 15** *"O my Lord, how can I save Israel? Indeed my clan is the weakest in*

*Manasseh, and I am the least in my father's house."* But God always uses the *least* to accomplish the *most*.

**20** God told Gideon **16** *"Surely I will be with you, and you shall defeat the Midianites as one man."*

**21** Gideon's men were reduced to 300 so that when this small group defeated their enemies who were *"as the sand by the seashore in number"* **Judges 7:12**—all glory would go to God.

**22** Gideon told the men **NKJV Judges 7:3** *"Whoever is fearful and afraid, let him turn and depart."* 22,000 returned and 10,000 remained.

**23** But this was still too many, so when reduced to only 300, and they shouted **AV Judges 7:20** *"The sword of the LORD, and of Gideon,"* God gave the victory, because He always *helps* us when we *follow* His commands.

**24** God loved Daniel who closely followed the Word and the will of God.

**25** He and his friends would not bow to any statue nor serve any other god. They were true servants of the Most High God.

**26** King Nebuchadnezzar did not like their allegiance to the true King of kings and ordered Shadrach, Meshach, and Abednego thrown into a blazing furnace—that would mean instant death.

**27** But God loves His children, and He performs miracles to deliver them. King Nebuchadnezzar said **NKJV Daniel 3:24** *"Did we not cast three men bound into the midst of the fire?"*

**28** **25** *"Look!" he answered, "I see four men loose, walking in the midst of the fire; and they are not hurt, and the form of the fourth is like the Son of God."*

**29** Jesus, as God in Person, was there with them in the flames to protect all three from the violence of fire.

**30** Even that pagan king had to proclaim **NIV Daniel 3:28** *"Praise be to the God of Shadrach,*

*Meshach and Abednego, who has sent his angel and rescued his servants!*

**31** *They trusted in him and defied the king's command and were willing to give up their lives rather than serve or worship any god except their own God."*

**32** We are always loved by God, and He will always *protect* those who trust Him.

**33** That pagan king gave a **29** *"Decree that the people of any nation or language who say anything against the God of Shadrach, Meshach and Abednego be cut into pieces and their houses be turned into piles of rubble, for no other god can save in this way."*

**34** The Lord responds to those who truly *trust* Him in faith. God does not want anyone to forget these miraculous deliverances, so He had them written in the Bible.

**35** The Hebrews have a deep love for God—He entrusted them with His Words, and it is paramount that they keep His Words.

**36** The devil tries to corrupt God's Word, but the apostle said **AV 2 Corinthians 2:17** *"For we are not as many, which corrupt the word of God"* but sincerely speak the truth in Christ.

**37** God gave us His Word, and it is our responsibility to *heed* what He has written as well as to *preserve* all that is written.

**38** There is to be no mistakes or errors if the next generation is going to know the One true God **Malachi 3:6**.

**39** The tribe of Levi had the privilege of protecting the holy Scriptures from God. They had to be fervent and zealous about the Scriptures.

**40** Copies were made on animal skins or papyrus, which would wear out over time, so the Scriptures needed to be copied.

**41** To make sure there were no mistakes, rules were put in place. When scribes would write God's name, they had to wash their hands, use a

special brush or pen kept for His Name only, and then wash their hands again. *That* is how dedicated they were in preserving God's Word.

**42** They had to have the same total of words on each copy when compared to the original.

**43** It had to have the same number of *lines* and the same number of *words* on each line.

**44** Copies were verified, checked, and re-checked by other scribes. The middle letter of the original document had to be the middle letter of the copy.

**45** If any mistakes were detected they burned the documents and always had a fire going.

**46** Any copies with the slightest mistake were put in the fire. They could not take any chance that a flawed copy would get into circulation.

**47** The scribes were so meticulous in their work, they thought the newer copy was more accurate than the older one.

**48** This produced a dilemma—what should be done with the *older* copy? They decided to put them in clay jars and bury them for preservation.

**49** They thought it was better *not* to burn them because they were the words of God. They reasoned they had no right—and no one else either—to destroy God's words.

**50** These clay jars were discovered centuries later in Qumran.

**51** Online information on the Dead Sea Scrolls says: *Researchers have assembled a collection of 981 manuscripts discovered around 1947, from 11 caves in the Qumran area—the eastern Judean Desert in the West Bank.*

**52** *These Scrolls demonstrate that the Jews were faithful in their transcription of biblical manuscripts. This reverence for the Scriptures was summed up by the Jewish historian, Flavius Josephus.*

**53** *He said: 'We have given practical proof of our reverence for our own Scriptures.*

**54** *For, although such long ages have passed, no one has ventured either to add to, or remove from, or to alter a syllable; and it is an instinct with every Jew to regard them as the decrees of God, to abide by them, and, if need be, to even die for them'* unquote.

**55** God has always loved us—and now it is our *choice* to love Him.

**56** When Jesus was asked what is the most important commandment, He said: **AV Matthew 22:36** *"Thou shalt love the Lord thy God with all thy heart, and with all thy soul, and with all thy mind. 38 This is the first and great commandment."*

**57** It is encouraging to know that God always loves us—and now it is our decision and privilege to love Him.

**58** Lest we forget, that loving God also means loving the people He created—because **39** *"The second [Commandment] is like unto [the first], Thou shalt love thy neighbour as thyself."*

**59** **40** *On these two commandments hang all the law and the prophets."*

**60** God *always* loves us—do we *always* love God?



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