

## The Year Long Celebration of God

### Valentine's Bible Reading

#### **Week 1: The Love of God to Us Old Testament**

Study the following passages.

- **Isaiah 63:9**, *"In all their affliction He was afflicted, And the angel of His presence saved them; In His love and in His mercy He redeemed them, And He lifted them and carried them all the days of old."*
- **Psalm 86:15**, *"But You, O Lord, are a God merciful and gracious, Slow to anger and abundant in lovingkindness and truth."*
- **Deuteronomy 7:9**, *"Know therefore that the Lord your God, He is God, the faithful God, who keeps His covenant and His lovingkindness to a thousandth generation with those who love Him and keep His commandments."*
- **Zephaniah 3:17**, *"The Lord your God is in your midst, A victorious warrior. He will exult over you with joy, He will be quiet in His love, He will rejoice over you with shouts of joy."*
- **Jeremiah 31:3**, *"The Lord appeared to him from afar, saying, 'I have loved you with an everlasting love; Therefore I have drawn you with lovingkindness.'"*
- **Psalm 63:3**, *"Because Your lovingkindness is better than life, My lips will praise You."*
- **Deuteronomy 10:18**, *"He executes justice for the orphan and the widow, and shows His love for the alien by giving him food and clothing."*

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### Week 2: The Love of God to Us New Testament

Study the following passages and dedicate time to prayer.

- **John 3:16**, *“For God so loved the world, that He gave His only begotten Son, that whoever believes in Him shall not perish, but have eternal life.”*
- **I John 4:19**, *“We love, because He first loved us.”*
- **Romans 5:8**, *“But God demonstrates His own love toward us, in that while we were yet sinners, Christ died for us.”*
- **I John 3:1a**, *“See how great a love the Father has bestowed on us, that we would be called children of God; and such we are.”*
- **I John 4:16**, *“We have come to know and have believed the love which God has for us. God is love, and the one who abides in love abides in God, and God abides in him.”*
- **Galatians 2:20**, *“I have been crucified with Christ; and it is no longer I who live, but Christ lives in me; and the life which I now live in the flesh I live by faith in the Son of God, who loved me and gave Himself up for me.”*
- **Romans 8:37-39**, *“But in all these things we overwhelmingly conquer through Him who loved us. For I am convinced that neither death, nor life, nor angels, nor principalities, nor things present, nor things to come, nor powers, 39 nor height, nor depth, nor any other created thing, will be able to separate us from the love of God, which is in Christ Jesus our Lord.”*

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### Week 3: The Attributes of Love

Study the following passages, pray, and actively look for ways to live in love.

- **Obedient** — **John 14:15**, *“If you love Me, you will keep My commandments.”* (**Romans 13:10**)
- **Sacrificial** — **John 15:13**, *“Greater love has no one than this, that one lay down his life for his friends.”*
- **Patient, Kind, Content, Humble** — **I Corinthians 13:4**, *“Love is patient, love is kind and is not jealous; love does not brag and is not arrogant.”*
- **Pure, Selfless, Peaceful, Forgiving** — **I Corinthians 13:5**, *“[Love] does not act unbecomingly; it does not seek its own, is not provoked, does not take into account a wrong suffered.”*
- **Righteous, Honest**, *“[Love] does not rejoice in unrighteousness, but rejoices with the truth.”*
- **Sacrificial, Optimistic, Persevering**, *“[Love] bears all things, believes all things, hopes all things, endures all things.”*
- **Divine** — **Galatians 5:22-23**, *“But the fruit of the Spirit is love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, 23 gentleness, self-control; against such things there is no law.”*

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### Week 4: The Commands to Love

Study the following passages, pray, and actively look for ways to live in love.

- **John 13:34-35**, *“A new commandment I give to you, that you love one another, even as I have loved you, that you also love one another. By this all men will know that you are My disciples, if you have love for one another.”*
- **Matthew 22:37-39**, *“You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart, and with all your soul, and with all your mind. This is the great and foremost commandment. The second is like it, You shall love your neighbor as yourself.”*
- **I Corinthians 16:14**, *“Let all that you do be done in love.”*
- **Colossians 3:14**, *“Beyond all these things put on love, which is the perfect bond of unity.”*
- **Romans 13:8**, *“Owe nothing to anyone except to love one another; for he who loves his neighbor has fulfilled the law.”*
- **Matthew 5:43-44**, *“You have heard that it was said, ‘You shall love your neighbor and hate your enemy.’ But I say to you, love your enemies and pray for those who persecute you.”*
- **I John 4:8**, *“The one who does not love does not know God, for God is love.”*

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