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## HOW THIS BOOK “HAPPENED”

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I didn't know that going to work that day would lead to a brush with death. I was 23, a newly born-again Christian doing temporary work on an oil drilling rig. That night, a thick steel pin broke in the lifting mechanism high above me. It caused pieces of heavy steel to crash to the drilling floor where I was repairing a cable.

A minute earlier, something impressed me to move a little to the right. I did, and God's impression saved my life.

For in the next instant, a piece of falling metal hit the back of my hard hat and knocked me unconscious. It grazed and fractured my shoulder blade, leaving a six-inch crater in the steel deck plate before ricocheting sixty feet into the night. I was a fraction of an inch from not being here today.

One of the crew took me to the hospital. They x-rayed my shoulder, saw the fracture, cleaned a small wound on my back, and sent me home. My shoulder healed quickly, but my brain had suffered a serious concussion. It would take more time.

When I prayed for wisdom about my healing process, the Holy Spirit impressed me to hand copy Scriptures four hours a day. He led me to copy every verse in the New Testament that contained the word *love*.

What I knew about love wouldn't have filled a small measuring cup. I loved my dog, I loved ice cream, and I was learning to love my wife. To me, love was the emotion I felt when someone made *me* feel good. I was shocked to discover the second New Testament verse on love said, “*Love your enemies.*” (Matt. 5:43–44) I had no idea how anyone could do that.

Writing out God's verses on love began my education on the most challenging subject in the Bible. The Lord not only instructs us to love our enemies, but Him, our spouse, family, fellow Christians, and neighbors. Walking in love demands the highest level of spiritual maturity, and I stood on the lowest rung of that ladder.

Hand copying verses became life-changing. As I focused on God’s Word, I began to understand the God of the Bible. He quit being a “concept” and became a real Person. Hand copying Scripture is perhaps the best method of meditating in the Bible. I describe how this works in detail on page 24, “Scripture Handwriting and Engaging Your Brain.”

## God’s College Level Course on Love

Because God’s Word is inspired, the *verse lists* on the subject of love are inspired. They contain what God wants us to know about love. These verses introduced me to what could be called *God’s college level course on love*. I doubt any college or seminary offers it. But it’s a very practical course, and you can take it the same way I did, by studying this book.

As I wrote out the Scriptures, I learned about the highest kind of love, the *agape* love of God. Jesus demonstrated it so beautifully by sacrificing Himself for us on the cross. He commanded us to love others as He loved us. What a self-sacrificing love He modeled!

But there is more to the subject of love than *agape*, as important as it is. The Bible speaks of various forms of human love, including the love of friendship and family. It commends women who love their husbands and children. It exhorts men to love their wives and families as Christ loves the church.

God’s course on love warns against being a lover of self, a lover of money, or a lover of pleasure more than a lover of God.

Pastors and overseers need to be “a lover of what is good.” Anyone can see the bad in people, but the pastoral gift uncovers and encourages the good in everyone.

One elder in a New Testament congregation “loved” the power of his position so much that in his pride he opposed the apostle John and had to be replaced.

These and the other lessons in this book have shaped my life. I am not perfect, but I am so much further ahead in my love walk because I made time to hand copy God’s verses on love.

My brain healed quickly as I wrote out Scripture, for the Lord is our healer. But I was learning so much that I didn’t want to quit after I was better. I chose another word to copy, then another, and another. I continued this practice for over twenty years, sometimes writing out whole books of the Bible.

I once estimated that I had spent at least 10,000 hours hand writing God’s Word. But the reward is not in patting oneself on the back but in getting to know the Author.

Thus says the Lord:

“Let not the wise man glory in his wisdom,  
Let not the mighty man glory in his might,  
Nor let the rich man glory in his riches;  
But let him who glories glory in this,  
*That he understands and knows Me,*  
That I am the Lord, exercising lovingkindness, judgment, and  
righteousness in the earth.  
For in these I delight,” says the LORD. —Jeremiah 9:23–24 (italics  
added)

When you make the commitment to meditate in God’s Word, the Holy Spirit sees your heart and comes to tutor you. (John 16:13, 1 John 2:27, John 14:26) He is the best Teacher because He helps you *understand* what you are reading. Plus, He whispers practical words of daily guidance between the lines, if you know what I mean.

I appeal to you to set aside time to read God’s inspired course on love, digest its meaning, copy the Scriptures, and allow the Holy Spirit to mold and shape your life. As you do, the *personal contact* you’ll have with the Lord will be beyond anything you’ve known. Jesus issued you an invitation, “Come to Me.” (Matt. 11:28, Rev. 22:17) James wrote, “Draw near to God, and He will draw near to you.” (James 4:8)

Will you respond to His invitation? If so, you can simply pray, “Come, Holy Spirit. Teach me to love like Jesus loves. Fill me with the wisdom of Your Word. Help me apply the Word to my life and relationships. In Jesus’ name. Amen.” The Lord loves and instructs those whose hearts turn toward Him. Pray into the wisdom of God’s Word on love today. Your life will never be the same!

## GETTING THE MOST FROM THIS BOOK

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Love is central to the Bible, and *Every Bible Verse on Love* walks you through love's meanings from Genesis to Revelation. English has one main word for love. But the Bible's original Greek and Hebrew have many words, each with its own nuance of meaning. This book assists you in understanding the varied facets of love so you may apply their lessons to your life.

The book has three divisions.

- Introductory Articles lay a foundation for studying and meditating in the Word. One article introduces Scripture handwriting and explains why it is possibly the most powerful method of Bible meditation. Another addresses those who struggle to receive the love of God because of the pain they have experienced.
- Part One deals with the subject of Love in the New Testament. You'll learn the meaning of the nineteen Greek words translated as love and discover the Verse Concordance listing every form of the word love.
- Part Two covers the subject of Love in the Old Testament. Here you'll find the twenty-four Hebrew words rendered as some form of the word love and its concordance.

The book presents the New Testament part first (the opposite of normal Bible order) because it contains the words of Jesus, the Messiah.

### The Word Sections

The Word Sections list each Greek or Hebrew word with: (1) its native alphabet; (2) pronunciation; (3) derivation, if known; (4) simple part of speech—noun, verb, adjective, etc.; (5) literal definition; (6) the Strong's Concordance number along with



alternate spellings; and (7) the meaning and use of the word. The G or H before the Strong's number indicates Greek or Hebrew.

The *Translation Tally* catalogs every English word into which the original was rendered in *The New King James Version*, the number of times it was translated, and, in most cases, where to find each use.

When you turn to a Word Section, read the definition and commentary first. Scan the Translation Tally for an overview of how often the original word was translated as various English words. *Identify which English word (or words) most frequently translates the original.* As you meditate through the verses in *You and God*, try substituting the most common meaning in that verse. As you do, you'll understand why the context sometimes required translators to use different English words. Compare other Bible versions to see how they translated the word in its context.

For advanced study, consult the Greek and Hebrew lexicons (dictionaries) found in your Bible software. If you don't have a handy Bible program, many are accessible online for free. Reference works are often keyed to the Strong's number, which is provided.

## The Verse Concordances

For an unparalleled overview of the biblical subject of *love*, read the Verse Concordance for the Testament you desire to study.

The Verse Concordances offer the reader an advantage over printed concordances and some Bible software. All the verses about *love* are combined in an easy-to-use concordance for each Testament. Full verses are provided, unlike the single-line listings in printed concordances. These verse lists are the best available for getting acquainted with the biblical subject of love.

In the Verse Concordance, every form of the word *love* is highlighted in bold print. The original Greek or Hebrew word from which it was translated follows in brackets, as shown in the sample below from Matthew.

3:17           And suddenly a voice *came* from heaven, saying, "This is My **beloved** [3. **agapetos**]...Son, in whom I am well pleased."

Each Greek and Hebrew word translating any form of the word *love* has a simple number that corresponds to its Word Section. For example, to learn more about the word "beloved" in the verse above, go to the New Testament Word Section 3. Agapetos.

Knowing the Greek and Hebrew words is essential to a biblical understanding of love. Each conveys a particular shade of meaning. In English, *love* can mean anything from simple liking (*I love ice cream*) to the self-sacrificing love of God (*agape*). To find the precise meaning in a given verse, go to the associated Word Section.

An ellipsis (...) is inserted into the Verse Concordance before or after the boldfaced word for *love* to help the reader take a meditational pause. The Bible is not a book that you can speed read. The idea is to slow down and read the verse one word at a time. This gives the Holy Spirit time to speak it to your heart and you time to hear Him.

## You and God

The *You and God* section is a list of verses for you to hand copy. It includes every verse where the original word is translated as a form of the word love. A suggested context of a few verses follows the verse numbers in parentheses. For example, if the subject word occurs in verse 16, then a typical context might be verses 15 through 17. Studying the verse in its context always gives you a better understanding.

The idea of hand copying Scripture may be new to you, but it's more than a brain-dead, rote exercise, as you'll soon see. It will lead you to a heart-to-heart encounter with the living God through His Word.

## The New King James Version

*The New King James Version* was chosen for the text of *Every Bible Verse on Love* because of its readability, reliability, and faithfulness to the original languages.

Though the amount of detail included may sound overwhelming, it's really not. The Holy Spirit has a lesson waiting for you as you become familiar with each original word and how it's used.

You may wish to read first what you're most interested in learning. Likewise, you can read thoroughly from beginning to end. You'll discover what works best for you. You may be pleasantly surprised by what you learn from the more obscure words.

As you read, study, and meditate, you are learning from the Book of books, the Bible, and being filled with the timeless wisdom of the ages. Learning to walk in the love of God, like Jesus did, is the most noble of pursuits. So, invest well in this your spiritual education. It will pay rich dividends.

# SCRIPTURE HANDWRITING AND ENGAGING YOUR BRAIN

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I can't convey to you what a rich method of meditation Scripture handwriting is. I can only challenge you to find out for yourself. Each Word Section contains a list of verses called *You and God*. I invite you to hand copy these verses from your Bible with the indicated contexts. Hand copying requires time and effort, and that makes this a *workbook*.

By studying these verses in their contexts, you discover the unique essence of each Greek or Hebrew word. Every word in the original languages is a subject in itself. Jesus said, "It is written, 'Man shall not live by bread alone, but by *every word* that proceeds from the mouth of God.'" (Matt. 4:4) Are you willing to become a *Word person*?

After hand writing for a time, you may discover that God whispers to you as you copy. Treasure His thoughts. (Ps. 139:17–18) Write in a journal or notebook what you think He is saying. You'll find His thoughts about you are higher and better than your thoughts about yourself. (Isa. 55:8–11, Jer. 29:11–12) Meditating in God's Word reveals *who you are in Christ*, frees you from the past, and inspires you to press toward the future with joy and anticipation.

## God Required Kings to Hand Copy His Word

God believed hand copying was so helpful that *He commanded the kings of Israel to do it!* He did not view this time-intensive practice as a misuse of the ruler's day but *as necessary to transform the leader's heart.*

The king was to write a copy of the law and read from it daily. He could not hire a scribe to do the writing for him.

"Also it shall be, when he sits on the throne of his kingdom, *that he shall write for himself a copy of this law in a book*, from the one before the priests, the

Levites. *And it shall be with him, and he shall read it all the days of his life*, that he may learn to fear the LORD his God and be careful to observe all the words of this law and these statutes, that his heart may not be lifted above his brethren, that he may not turn aside from the commandment to the right hand or to the left, and that he may prolong his days in his kingdom, he and his children in the midst of Israel.” —Deuteronomy 17:18–20 (italics added)

Interestingly, the Chumash translates the passage like this: “...he shall write for himself *two copies* of this Torah in a book...” The king was to keep one copy with him at all times so he could read from it. The second was to be placed in his treasury, so he would not be blinded by his wealth and forget he was the servant of God.<sup>1</sup>

The good kings in Israel appear to have done what God required. The bad kings? Probably not. But I’m sure they had “important kingly things” to do that kept them out of the light-filled Word. That meant they continued thinking the thoughts of ego, pride, and indulgence according to this world’s present darkness. Their refusal also hindered them from making godly decisions when it mattered most to their nation.

King Hezekiah benefited so much from handwriting the Word that he ordered his men to copy King Solomon’s proverbs. Hezekiah, through his changed heart, led a spiritual revival that restored his nation’s spiritual life. (2 Chron. 29–32) It’s likely that his princes and ministers of state copied Proverbs 25–29 to learn how to conduct themselves properly in the king’s court.

These also are proverbs of Solomon which the men of Hezekiah king of Judah *copied*:

It is the glory of God to conceal a matter,  
But the glory of kings is to search out a matter. —Proverbs 25:1–2 (italics added)

## We Are “Kings and Priests”

God calls *us* “kings and priests” in Christ, so shouldn’t the same requirement apply? (Rev. 1:6) We reign as kings in life through an abundance of grace and a transformed heart. (Rom. 5:17, 21) But unless we, too, renew our minds through Scripture, our decisions will suffer.

Jesus spoke of *Christian “scribes”* who would find treasures in the Word of God.

Then He said to them, “Therefore every *scribe* instructed concerning the kingdom of heaven is like a householder who brings out of his *treasure* things new and old.” —Matthew 13:52 (italics added)

<sup>1</sup> Rabbi Nosson Scherman and Rabbi Meir Zlotowitz, Gen. Eds., *The Chumash*, Artscroll/Stone Edition, 11th Ed. (Brooklyn: Mesorah Publications, Ltd., 2012), p. 1029.

Jesus wasn't referring to the professional Jewish scribes who copied Old Testament scrolls with letter-for-letter accuracy. He foresaw "householders" and "scribes," everyday Christians who prayerfully copied the Scriptures and received the Holy Spirit's life-changing instructions. These Christian kings and priests uncover liberating truths, new and old, from the treasures of the Bible.

## Seven Benefits of Hand Copying Scripture

Hand copying Scripture has many benefits.

- *It is humbling.* Some brothers and sisters don't read or write and must humble themselves to learn how. Others don't have nice handwriting. Plus, when someone doesn't understand the passage they're copying, they have to ask someone who does. If other people find out you are copying Scripture, they may jump to judgment and accuse you of wasting your time. Just tell them, "Hand copying Scripture is the meditation practiced by kings. I intend to reign in life, and the Bible is teaching me how to do it."
- *It requires sacrifice.* The king had to restructure his royal lifestyle to make time for God and copying the Scriptures.
- *It brings the copyist under the influence of the Holy Spirit.* The Holy Spirit guides those who meditate in God's Word, giving them wisdom beyond their years.
- *It follows the first commandment.* You are commanded to love God with all your heart, soul, *mind*, and strength. How do you love God with your mind? When you meditate in His Word.
- *It is healing.* I received healing from a brain concussion while copying Scripture, and others have received healing as well. (Prov. 4:20–22)
- *It improves your mind.* Hand copying quiets your mind and trains it to concentrate on one thing at a time, free from distracting thoughts. A quieted mind empowers you to do things better, including praying, hearing God's voice, learning new skills, and receiving creative ideas.
- *It draws you closer to God.* When you abide (make your home) in God's Word, God's presence draws near in tangible ways, bringing joy to your heart.

Let's talk more about some of these benefits.

## Engaging More of Your Brain

In simple reading, you use your brain's visual and verbal areas. When you hand copy Scripture, you stimulate more of it than in reading only.

## NT WORD 1. AGAPAO

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# Love Means Action

ἀγαπάω *ag-ap-ah'-o*. Verb. *To love*. (Strong's: G 25)

Many have heard of the *agape* love of God. But what is *agapao*? It is simply the familiar *agape* in a verb form. *Agapao* is *agape love* in action.

*Agapao, agape, and agapetos* (NT Words 1, 2, and 3) are the word family that represents the highest, purest form of love in the Bible, especially divine love. Actions that demonstrate loyalty and commitment define this kind of love. Godly love values those it loves above its own life. It will deny its own interests and desires to assist its beloved. Jesus said, "Greater love (*agape*) has no one than this, than to lay down one's life for his friends." (John 15:12–13)

*Agapao* is the *action* of a love that aligns with God's pure standards. (John 13:34, 14:15, Rom. 13:8–10, 1 John 5:3)

### To Love as Christ

To *love-agapao* means to love as Jesus Christ loved (John 15:12). It goes beyond loving your friends to loving your enemies and those unlike yourself. When you walk in *agapao-love*, you forgive those who crucify you, bless those who curse you, do good to those who hate you, and pray for those who persecute you. Love gives to meet another's needs without concern for reward or repayment. (Luke 23:34, Matt. 5:43–48, 6:32–35, 14:12–14)

### Learning How to Love

Learning to *love-agapao* has two fundamental steps. (1) The first is being born again through faith in Jesus Christ. When you are reconciled to God, you experience the security and joy of being accepted and loved by Him. (2) Then, you discover that God's love poured out in your heart will flow *through you* in love and grace to others. (Rom. 5:5)

### The Love Commands in the Law of Moses

As a child in Sunday School, I memorized the first and second commandments. Jesus spoke of these verses in response to a scribe who asked Him, "Which is the great commandment *in the law*?" (Matthew 22:36, cp. Mark 12:28)

## The Love of God

ἀγάπη *ag-ah'-pay*. From *agapao* (see Word 1. Agapao). Noun. *Love*. Strong's: G 26.

*Agape* is the *love of God*, the highest form of love spoken of in the Bible. God is *love*. God's nature is *agape*. (1 John 4:8,16)

*Agape* is the love of God the Father for Jesus Christ, the Holy Spirit, humankind, and creation.

God is often described in terms of His two kinds of attributes, the *non-shared* and the *shared*. His non-shared attributes characterize God and Him alone. These are His sovereignty, omniscience, omnipresence, omnipotence, and so forth. (2) However, God shares His other attributes with man, including His love, grace, mercy, goodness, truthfulness, and the other fruit of the Spirit.

God's love is one of His *shared* attributes. When you are born again of God, His love is poured out in your heart. (Romans 5:5) With God's love in your heart, you have the capacity to love with God's love and to love what He loves. He calls you to imitate Him in love.

Beloved, let us love [1. **agapao**] one another, for love [2. **agape**] is of God; and everyone who loves [1. **agapao**] is born of God and knows God. —1 John 4:7

Therefore be imitators of God as dear children. And walk in love [2. **agape**], as Christ also has loved [1. **agapao**] us and given Himself for us, an offering and a sacrifice to God for a sweet-smelling aroma. —Ephesians 5:1–2

### God Loves You

God loves *you* with *agape love*. He gave His best, His only begotten Son, to die on the cross so that you may have a direct, personal relationship with Him. God wants you to see, know, taste, and experience His love for you as the unique person you are. (John 3:16)

When humanity was living in darkness, God made a way for you to enter His presence. (John 14:6) Have you invited God's best into your heart and life? *Jesus* is the door of access to the Father-love of God! (John 10:7–10, 14:6, Eph. 2:17–18) See "*Experiencing God's Love for the First Time*," page 13.



## NT WORD 10. PHILARGURIA

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# Love of Money

φιλαργυρία *fil-ar-goo-ree'-ah*. From *philarguros* (Word 11). Noun. *Love of money*. Strong's: G 5365.

Well-translated “love of money,” *philarguria* speaks of *greed*, an excessive desire for riches and wealth that results in *miserliness*.

The Bible declares, “For the *love of money [philarguria]*...is a root of all kinds of evil.” This oft-quoted Scripture outlines the perils of allowing the root of money love to grow in your heart. They include falling into “temptation and a snare,” “many foolish and harmful lusts,” sinking into “destruction and perdition,” straying “from the faith,” and being “pierced...through with many sorrows.” (See 1 Tim. 6:10 and Prov. 28:20)

The Bible does not define possessing money as a root of all evil, but the “love of money.” (The love of money is one form of *covetousness*, which is *the* root of all evil. See Col. 3:5, Eph. 5:5, Deut. 20:3)

Rich and poor alike are endangered by money love when it becomes a heart idol or a life goal. Sometimes, poor people who lack money are trapped by the love of it. But others who have little give cheerfully for the love of Christ. (2 Cor. 8:1–5) Some rich people love, trust, and hoard money, and others use their money as a tool for the kingdom of God.

The root of money love can be plucked out of everyone's heart, rich or poor, by learning and living what Jesus taught in Matthew 6:19–34, 13:22, Mark 10:17–31, and Luke 6:38. With the Holy Spirit's help, we can overcome the love of money as He puts His laws in our minds and writes them on our hearts. (Heb. 8:10) What is impossible with man is possible with the Holy Spirit.

Trusting in God rather than riches, contentment with what we have (Phil. 4:11, 1 Tim. 6:6, Heb. 13:5), and consistent tithing and giving clear the heart of the briar patch of money love. (2 Cor. 9:5–11, Prov. 3:9–10) Handling money according to God's Word prepares us to receive bountifully from Him “who gives us richly all things to enjoy.” (1 Tim. 6:17–19)

*Philarguria* can be distinguished from the broader term for “covetousness,” *pleonexia*, which means *a continual thirst to have more*. (Luke 12:15, Col. 3:5, etc.)



# NEW TESTAMENT VERSE CONCORDANCE

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For the meaning and usage of the Greek words in bold print, refer to the corresponding New Testament Word Sections. The Old Testament Verse Concordance begins on page 159.

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## ☐ Matthew

- 3:17        And suddenly a voice *came* from heaven, saying, “This is My **beloved** [3. **agapetos**]...Son, in whom I am well pleased.”
- 5:43        “You have heard that it was said, ‘You shall **love** [1. **agapao**]...your neighbor and hate your enemy.’ ”
- 5:44        “But I say to you, **love** [1. **agapao**]...your enemies, bless those who curse you, do good to those who hate you, and pray for those who spitefully use you and persecute you,”
- 5:46        “For if you **love** [1. **agapao**]...those who **love** [1. **agapao**]...you, what reward have you? Do not even the tax collectors do the same?”
- 6: 5        “And when you pray, you shall not be like the hypocrites. For they **love** [14. **phileo**]...to pray standing in the synagogues and on the corners of the streets, that they may be seen by men. Assuredly, I say to you, they have their reward.”
- 6:24        “No one can serve two masters; for either he will hate the one and **love** [1. **agapao**]...the other, or else he will be loyal to the one and despise the other. You cannot serve God and mammon.”
- 10:37       “He who **loves** [14. **phileo**]...father or mother more than Me is not worthy of Me. And he who **loves** [14. **phileo**]...son or daughter more than Me is not worthy of Me.”
- 12:18       “Behold! My Servant whom I have chosen,  
My **Beloved** [3. **agapetos**]...in whom My soul is well pleased!  
I will put My Spirit upon Him,  
And He will declare justice to the Gentiles.”
- 17: 5        While he was still speaking, behold, a bright cloud overshadowed them; and suddenly a voice came out of the cloud, saying, “This is My **beloved** [3. **agapetos**]...Son, in whom I am well pleased. Hear Him!”

## Love is a Force

אהב *aw-hav'*. Verb. *To love*. Strong's: H 157 *'ahab*.

The primary Old Testament verb “to love,” *'ahab* is like the English word “love” in that it is used in many ways. *'Ahab* expresses *affection, longing, and desire* of all kinds.

*'Ahab* communicates *God's love* for Israel, Jerusalem, righteousness, and justice. It refers to *human love* for God, His name, and spiritual things like His Word, righteousness, wisdom, knowledge, and understanding. It speaks of love between the sexes; unselfish love for neighbors, strangers, masters, and friends; and loving such things as food, drink, farming, and sleep.

The first mention of love in the Bible is God asking Abraham to sacrifice “your only son Isaac, whom you love.” (Gen. 22:2) The first mention of love in the New Testament is the Father speaking of *His* beloved Son, who became the sacrifice for mankind's sin. (Matt. 3:17)

### The Passionate Love of God

*'Ahab* describes the intense love of the One who so desired a family made in His image that He created mankind. He did not make a race of robots but gave us freedom of choice like His. We have the liberty to choose love as the most authentic way to live, loving God and others voluntarily and not from a pre-programmed reflex.

*'Ahab* is more than mere liking but breathes with the primitive force and passion of God the Father—the original Personality—whose bigger-than-life, jealous love for Israel allowed no breach of loyalty. (Ex. 20:2–6) God wasn't jealous for His own sake but to protect those He loved from the corrupting worship of false deities.

This ancient Hebrew verb brought life to the colorless *agapao/agape* word family used to translate *'ahab* in the Greek version of the Old Testament, the Septuagint. The vocabulary of the Septuagint, in turn, shaped the language of the New Testament. (See NT Words 1 and 2.)

### The Great Commandment

*'Ahab* is the word used in the great commandment of the law.

“You shall love [3. **'ahab**]...the LORD your God with all your heart, with all your soul, and with all your strength.” —Deuteronomy 6:5

God called His people to love Him with all their being. They were to know Him, speak of Him, obey Him, adhere to Him, and worship Him. Motivated by their love for Him, they were to serve and obey in righteousness and holiness. (Deu. 10:12, 11:13,22, 30:16)

God promised to bless to a thousand generations *those who love Him and keep His commandments!* (Ex. 20:6, Deut. 5:10, 7:9) *Loving obedience* is still the desired response to the blessings He bestows by grace. We can't *earn* blessings by obedience, but by it we prove our love for God. (Cp. John 14:15–17, 21, 23; 1 John 5:2–3; 2 John :6)

## ☰ TRANSLATION TALLY

beloved	2	time(s)	2Sa 1:23, Neh 13:26
friend	4	"	2Ch 20:7, Pro 18:24, 27:6, Isa 41:8
friends	8	"	2Sa 19:6, Est 5:10, 14, 6:13, Pro 14:20, Jer 20:4, 6, Zec 13:6
love	90	"	See <i>You and God</i>
love, dearly	1	"	Hos 4:18
love, in	1	"	1Ki 11:2
love, made	1	"	Hos 9:1
loved	46	"	See <i>You and God</i>
loved one(s)	2	"	Ps 38:11, 88:18
lovers	16	"	See <i>You and God</i>
loves	36	"	" " "
loving	1	"	Isa 56:10

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Genesis	19:34 (33–34)	30:6 (1–6)	18:1 (1–4)
22:2 (1–3)	Deuteronomy	30:16, 20 (15–20)	18:16, 20, 22 (12–22)
24:67 (63–67)	4:37 (34–38)	Joshua	18:28 (28–30)
25:28 (24–28)	5:10 (5–10)	22:5 (4–6)	20:17 (12–17)
27:4, 9, 14 (1–14)	6:5 (4–9)	23:11 (7–11)	2 Samuel
29:18 (15–20)	7:9, 13 (9–15)	Judges	1:23 (21–24)
29:30, 32 (26–32)	10:12, 15, 18, 19, 11:1	5:31 (28–31)	12:24 (21–25)
34:3 (1–4)	(10:12–11:1)	14:16 (15–17)	13:1, 4 (1–4)
37:3, 4 (3–5)	11:13 (13–17)	16:4 (4–6)	13:15 (10–15)
44:20 (18–22)	11:22 (22–24)	16:15 (15–17)	19:6 (4–7)
Exodus	13:3 (1–4)	Ruth	1 Kings
20:6 (1–6)	15:16 (15–17)	4:15 (13–16)	3:3 (1–5)
21:5 (2–6)	19:9 (7–10)	1 Samuel	5:1 (1–5)
Leviticus	21:15, 16 (15–17)	1:5 (2–5)	11:1, 2 (1–6)
19:18 (15–18)	23:5 (3–6)	16:21 (19–23)	2 Chronicles

## OT WORD 10. HASHAQ

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# To Cling to in Love

חֲשַׁק *khaw-shak'*. Verb. *To be attached to*. Strong's: H 2836 *chashaq*.

*Hashaq* means *to connect* or *join together*. Concerning the heart, it refers to *being attached to* in love, *clinging to* with delight or desire, and *setting one's affection on*. Regarding the tabernacle, it denotes *to join with bands*.

God's love for His people is a *bond*, an *attachment*, an *adhering*, a *clinging* with emotional ties. (Deut. 7:7) As He has *set his love on* us, we are *to attach* ourselves to Him, *bond* to Him, *cling* to Him, and *adhere* to Him in every circumstance. (Ps. 91:14) When we remain attached to Him, His love elevates us to victory over every obstacle.

Just as an airplane carries passengers over the mountains to their destination, God's love conveys us on eagle's wings over the difficulties we face. But we must cling to Him, stay in the plane, and not parachute out if we hit turbulence.

## ☰ TRANSLATION TALLY

bands, have	2	time(s)	Ex 27:17, 38:17
band, made	1	"	Ex 38:28
delighted	1	"	Deu 10:15
desire	1	"	Deu 21:11
desired	2	"	1Ki 9:19, 2Ch 8:6
longs	1	"	Gen 34:8
love, set	2	"	See <i>You and God</i>
lovingly <i>delivered</i>	1	"	" " "



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Deuteronomy  
7:7 (6–8)

Psalms  
91:14 (14–16)

Isaiah  
38:17 (15–19)

# OLD TESTAMENT VERSE CONCORDANCE

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For the meaning and usage of the Hebrew words in bold print, refer to the corresponding Old Testament Word Sections. The New Testament Verse Concordance begins on page 99.

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## ☐ Genesis

- 22: 2            Then He said, “Take now your son, your only *son* Isaac, whom you...**love** [3. ‘**ahab**], and go to the land of Moriah, and offer him there as a burnt offering on one of the mountains of which I shall tell you.”
- 24:67           Then Isaac brought her into his mother Sarah’s tent; and he took Rebekah and she became his wife, and he **loved** [3. ‘**ahab**]...her. So Isaac was comforted after his mother’s *death*.
- 25:28           And Isaac **loved** [3. ‘**ahab**]...Esau because he ate *of his* game, but Rebekah **loved** [3. ‘**ahab**]...Jacob.
- 27: 4            “And make me savory food, such as I...**love** [3. ‘**ahab**], and bring *it* to me that I may eat, that my soul may bless you before I die.”
- 27: 9            “Go now to the flock and bring me from there two choice kids of the goats, and I will make savory food from them for your father, such as he...**loves** [3. ‘**ahab**].”
- 27:14           And he went and got *them* and brought *them* to his mother, and his mother made savory food, such as his father...**loved** [3. ‘**ahab**].
- 29:18           Now Jacob **loved** [3. ‘**ahab**]...Rachel; so he said, “I will serve you seven years for Rachel your younger daughter.”
- 29:20           So Jacob served seven years for Rachel, and they seemed *only* a few days to him because of the **love** [4. ‘**ahabah**]...he had for her.
- 29:30           Then *Jacob* also went in to Rachel, and he also **loved** [3. ‘**ahab**]...Rachel more than Leah. And he served with Laban still another seven years.
- 29:31           When the LORD saw that Leah *was*...**unloved** [19. *sane*’], He opened her womb; but Rachel *was* barren.

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