

Joshua 22:5 Bible Study Lesson 2

Love the LORD your God

Intro - review Lesson 1

I. Definitions

A. *LORD* - Jehovah - I Am

1. God's proper name

2. Self - existent one, eternal, infinite, possessing within himself the essence of life

3. Transcendent One - surpassing and not limited by his creation and creatures

B. *God* - Elohim - supreme God

C. *Love*

1. "an all-encompassing devotion rooted in faithfulness and obedience." Aletheia: From Ahavah to Agape: The meanings of love in Scripture

2. "...to choose Him for one's most intimate relationship and then to express that choice in obedience to His revealed will." Jack Deere

3. "When used of love to a master, God or Christ, the word involves the idea of affectionate reverence, prompt obedience, grateful recognition of benefits received." Blue Letter Bible

II. Loving God is commanded.

A. Deuteronomy 6:4-6; 11:1

B. Psalm 31:23

C. Luke 10:26-28

III. Loving God is defined.

A. John 14:15; 15:10

B. Exodus 20:6

C. Romans 13:10

D. Psalm 97:10-12

E. I John 5:1-3

IV. Loving God brings blessing.

A. Psalm 145:20

B. I Corinthians 2:9

C. John 14:21

D. James 1:12

V. God loves us.

- A. Romans 5:8; 8:38, 39
- B. Titus 3:4-6
- C. I John 3:1; 3:16; 4:7-10

VI. Applications

A. It makes sense that God expects and deserves affectionate reverence, prompt obedience, and gratitude.

B. God loves us and wants to bless us.

C. As we learn God's Word and obey it, we grow closer to God and love him more.

D. When one chooses to disobey God, he chooses to love himself more than God; he chooses consequences rather than blessings; and he chooses to ignore God's great love for him.