

People that live in northern climates seem to have several words to describe snow.



What is love ?



The Bible has several words both in the Old Testament and New that are translated by our word “love”.



A clearer view.

The first time the word occurs :

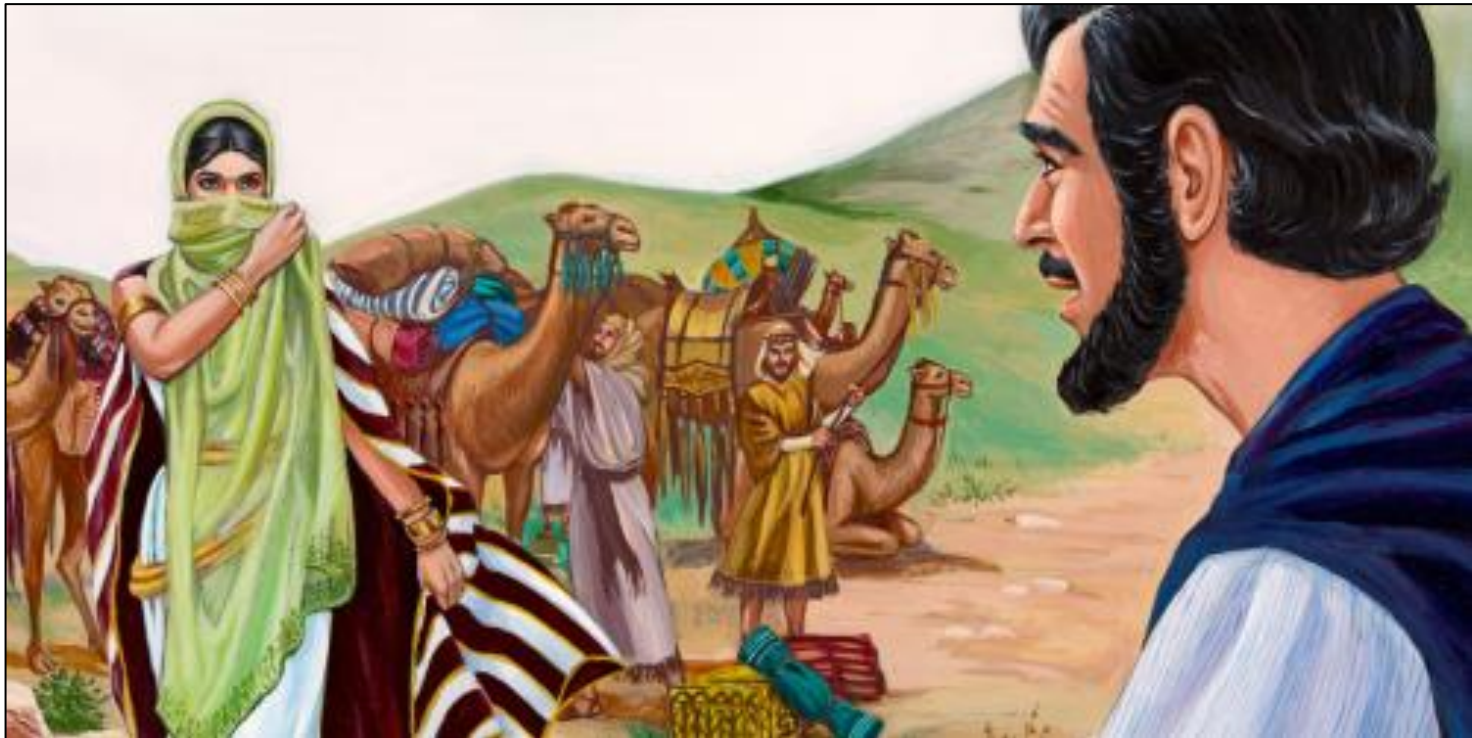
God said, “Take your son, your only son Isaac, whom you love, and go to the land of Moriah, and offer him there as a burnt offering on one of the mountains of which I shall tell you.” Genesis 22:2



The second time the word occurs :

Then Isaac brought her into the tent of Sarah his mother and took Rebekah, and she became his wife, and he loved her. So Isaac was comforted after his mother's death.

Genesis 24:67



God's love.

It is His nature

1 John 4:8 Anyone who does not love does not know God, because God is love.

1 John 4:16 God is love, and whoever abides in love abides in God, and God abides in him.



God's love.

Its continuity



In overflowing anger for a moment I hid my face from you, but with everlasting love I will have compassion on you," says the LORD, your Redeemer.

"This is like the days of Noah to me: as I swore that the waters of Noah should no more go over the earth, so I have sworn that I will not be angry with you, and will not rebuke you.

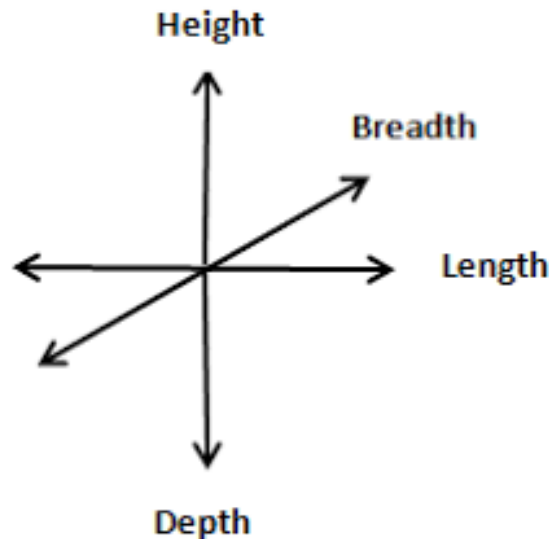
For the mountains may depart and the hills be removed, but my steadfast love shall not depart from you, and my covenant of peace shall not be removed," says the LORD, who has compassion on you.

Isaiah 54:8-10

God's love. Its magnitude How great is it? 1 John 3

I pray ... that you, being rooted and grounded in love, may have strength to comprehend with all the saints what is the breadth and length and height and depth, and to know the love of Christ that surpasses knowledge, that you may be filled with all the fullness of God.

Ephesians 3:17-19



God's love. **Its quality – what kind of love is this ?**

For if while we were enemies we were reconciled to God by the death of his Son, much more, now that we are reconciled, shall we be saved by his life. Romans 5:10



“For God so loved the world, that he gave his only Son, that whoever believes in him should not perish but have eternal life. John3:16

Our love

The Bible languages of Hebrew and Greek have several words for love.



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And **ahavtah** the LORD your God with all your heart.

A Female friend

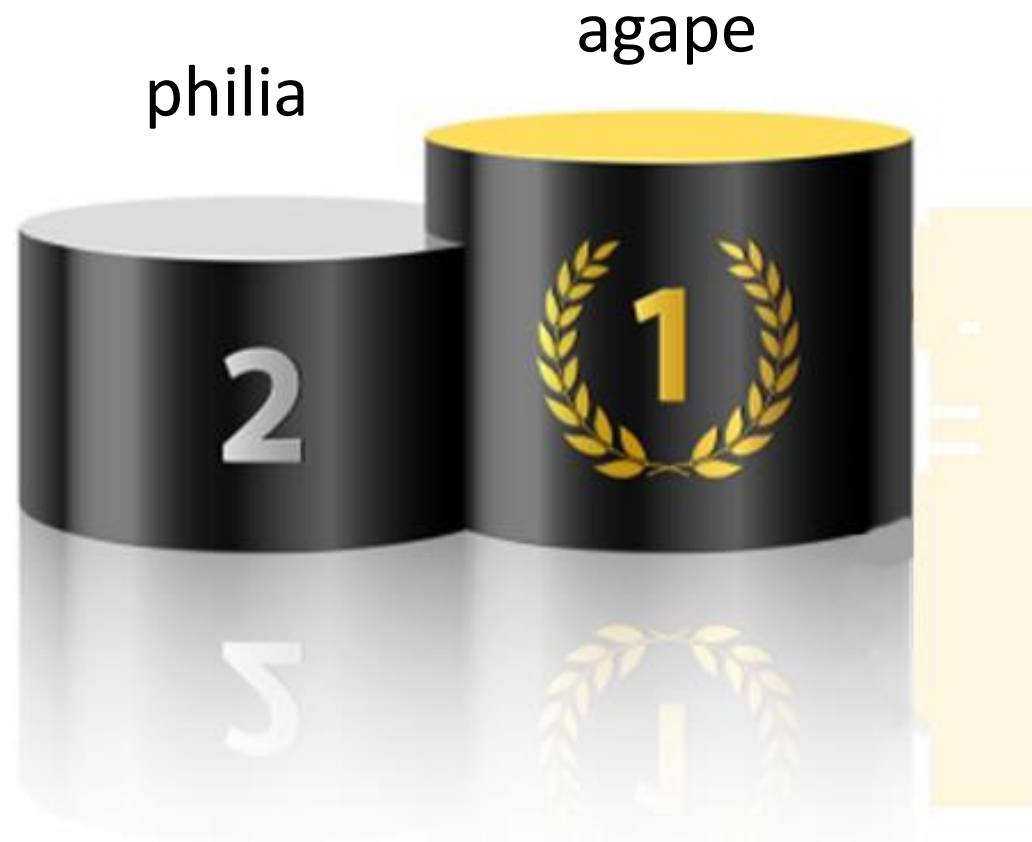
Song of Songs 2:13 The fig tree ripens its figs, and the vines are in blossom; they give forth fragrance. Arise, my **love**, my beautiful one, and come away.



related to word David - beloved

Song of Songs 4:10 How beautiful is your **love**, my sister, my bride! How much better is your love than wine, and the fragrance of your oils than any spice!

The 2 main words in the New Testament



John 21:17 He said to him the third time, “Simon, son of John, do you love me?” Peter was grieved because he said to him the third time, “Do you love me?”

Our love Comes from God

God's love has been poured into our hearts through the Holy Spirit who has been given to us. Romans 5:5



We love because he first loved us. 1 John 4:19

Our love

To be given in response

“Teacher, which is the great commandment in the Law?” And he said to him, “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 first commandment.

And a second is like it:

You shall love your neighbour as yourself.

On these two commandments depend all the Law and the Prophets.”

Matthew 22:36-40



Our love

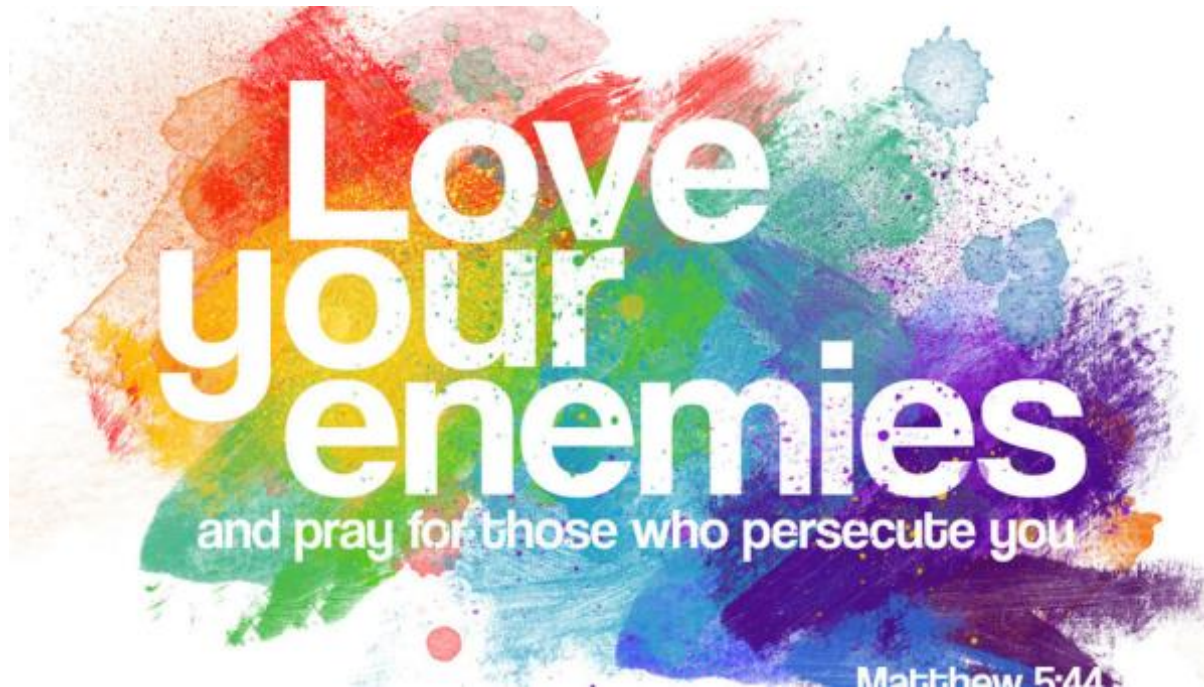
The great motive

Beloved, if God so loved us, we also ought to love one another. 1 John 4:11



Our love **will have to be supernatural**

And Jesus said, “Father, forgive them, for they know not what they do.” Luke 23:34



Our love Is to be for good not for evil



What is the difference between the devil and humans ?

Love in action

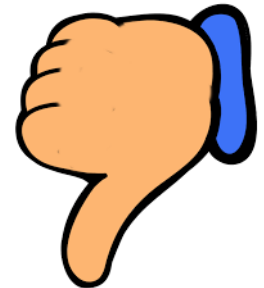
1 Corinthians 13:4-7

(POSITIVE) Love is patient and kind;



(NEGATIVE) love does not envy or boast;
it is not arrogant or rude.

It does not insist on its own way;
it is not irritable or resentful;
it does not rejoice at wrongdoing,



(POSITIVE) but rejoices with the truth.
Love bears all things, believes all things,
hopes all things, endures all things.



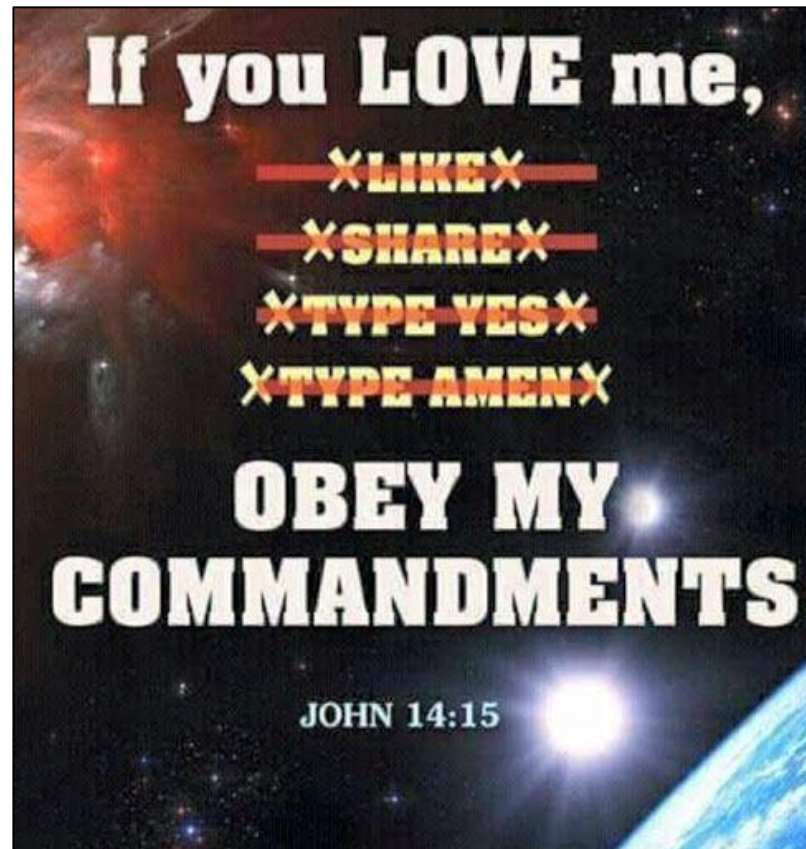
Love in action

is obedient to God's will

Our Lord Jesus says : --

"If you love me, you will keep my commandments."

To the Hebrew mind
the word 'keep'
means obey.





Who do you think, proved to be a neighbour to the man who fell among the robbers?”

He said, “The one who showed him mercy.”

And Jesus said to him, “You go, and do likewise.”

Luke 10:36-37

Jesus, the very thought of Thee
With sweetness fills my breast;
But sweeter far Thy face to see,
And in Thy presence rest.

But what to those who find? Ah, this
Nor tongue nor pen can show;
The love of Jesus, what it is
None but His loved ones know.

Bernard of Clairvaux (1090-1153)

Translated by Edward Caswall (1814-1878)