

THE BIBLE SAYS

1. What does the Bible say God is? *1 John 4:8*.

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2. How does God daily manifest this love to all His creatures? *Matthew 5: 44, 45*.

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NOTE: He blesses both the good and the bad with the things they need. All of them are His children; so why shouldn't He?

3. Where does every good and perfect gift for man originate? *James 1:16, 17*.

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4. What example did Jesus use to show God's care for His creatures? *Matthew 6:26*.

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5. What assurance do we have that God's love will provide for our needs? *Matthew 6:31-33*.

The Bible Says: _____

NOTE: When we do not seek Him first or put Him first in our lives, we limit God's ability to do all for us that He longs to do. He cannot and will not force His way into our lives, but only waits for us to open our hearts and let Him come in so that He can give us what we need.

6. When does the Bible say that God first loved us? *Romans 5:8-10*.

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NOTE: God's love does not change. It is called an EVERLASTING LOVE. "Yea, I have loved thee with an everlasting love; therefore with loving-kindness have I drawn thee." *Jeremiah 31:3*.

7. What can separate us from God's love? *Romans 8:38, 39*.

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8. Even though we are alienated from Him by sin, what does God's love permit Him to call us? *1 John 3:1*.

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NOTE: The King of the universe, in His great love for us, calls us His sons. What a privilege and honor He has bestowed upon us!

9. What was the supreme act of love on God's part? *1 John 4:9, 10*.

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NOTE: God had by various means in Old Testament times tried to teach the people His great love. They didn't seem to comprehend. So, as the greatest possible demonstration of this love, God sent His only Son to live among men. By His life and death Christ was to be a living revelation of God's love.

10. How does John say God demonstrated His great love? *John 3:16*.

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11. How can we know what love is? *1 John 3:16*.

The Bible Says: _____

NOTE: Could you take the person whom you love the most and sacrifice that person to save the life of someone who ignored you and treated you like an enemy? This is what God did when He sent His Son to die in your and my place. Is there any greater proof of His great love and concern for you?

During His ministry here on earth, Christ pictured in understandable language His Father's great love for every sinner. The Bible records the story of the prodigal son for that purpose. *Luke 15:10-24*. Learn carefully the lesson of this story:

"In the same way, I tell you, the angels of God rejoice over one sinner who repents."

Jesus went on to say, "There was a man who had two sons. The younger one said to him, 'Father, give me now my share of the property.' So the man divided the property between his two sons. After a few days the younger son sold his part of the property and left home with the money. He went to a country far away, where he wasted his money in reckless living. He spent everything he had. Then a severe famine spread over that country, and he was left without a thing. So he went to work for one of the citizens of that country, who sent him out to his farm to take care of the pigs. He wished he could fill himself with the bean pods the pigs ate, but no one gave him anything to eat.