

# The River of God's Love Flowing Through the Bible — Part 1 (WEB)

One verse from each of the 66 books of Scripture, drawn from the World English Bible (WEB). Each verse is followed by a theme summary showing how God's love flows through all of Scripture.

## Old Testament (39)

### Genesis 12:3

I will bless those who bless you, and I will curse him who treats you with contempt. All the families of the earth will be blessed through you.

*Theme:* God blesses all families of the earth through Abraham.

### Exodus 34:6

Yahweh passed by before him, and proclaimed, "Yahweh! Yahweh, a merciful and gracious God, slow to anger, and abundant in loving kindness and truth."

*Theme:* Compassionate and gracious; rich in love, slow to anger.

### Leviticus 19:18

"You shall not take vengeance, nor bear any grudge against the children of your people; but you shall love your neighbor as yourself. I am Yahweh."

*Theme:* Love your neighbor as yourself—God's heart in community.

### Numbers 6:24–26

Yahweh bless you, and keep you. Yahweh make his face to shine on you, and be gracious to you. Yahweh lift up his face toward you, and give you peace.

*Theme:* The LORD blesses, keeps, shines, and gives peace.

### Deuteronomy 7:9

Know therefore that Yahweh your God himself is God, the faithful God, who keeps covenant and loving kindness with them who love him and keep his commandments to a thousand generations.

*Theme:* God keeps covenant love to a thousand generations.

### Joshua 1:9

Haven't I commanded you? Be strong and courageous. Don't be afraid. Don't be dismayed, for Yahweh your God is with you wherever you go.

*Theme:* Be strong; God is with you wherever you go.

### Judges 2:18

When Yahweh raised up judges for them, then Yahweh was with the judge, and saved them out of the hand of their enemies all the days of the judge; for it grieved Yahweh because of their groaning by reason of those who oppressed them and troubled them.

*Theme:* God is moved to compassion and raises deliverers.

### Ruth 1:16

Ruth said, "Don't urge me to leave you, and to return from following you; for where you go, I will go; and where you stay, I will stay. Your people will be my people, and your God my God."

*Theme:* Steadfast, faithful love mirrors God's loyal kindness.

### 1 Samuel 16:7

But Yahweh said to Samuel, "Don't look on his face, or on the height of his stature, because I have rejected him; for Yahweh sees not as man sees; for man looks at the outward appearance, but Yahweh looks at the heart."

*Theme:* God looks at the heart, not outward appearance.

## **2 Samuel 7:15**

But my loving kindness will not depart from him, as I took it from Saul, whom I removed from before you.

*Theme:* God's steadfast love will not be taken away.

## **1 Kings 8:23**

He said, "Yahweh, the God of Israel, there is no God like you, in heaven above, or on earth beneath; who keeps covenant and loving kindness with your servants, who walk before you with all their heart;"

*Theme:* No God like you—keeping covenant love with your people.

## **2 Kings 13:23**

But Yahweh was gracious to them, and had compassion on them, and had respect to them, because of his covenant with Abraham, Isaac, and Jacob, and would not destroy them, neither did he cast them from his presence as yet.

*Theme:* God had compassion and would not destroy Israel.

## **1 Chronicles 16:34**

Oh give thanks to Yahweh, for he is good, for his loving kindness endures forever.

*Theme:* Give thanks—His loyal love endures forever.

## **2 Chronicles 7:3**

All the children of Israel looked on, when the fire came down, and the glory of Yahweh was on the house; and they bowed themselves with their faces to the ground on the pavement, and worshiped, and gave thanks to Yahweh, saying, "For he is good; for his loving kindness endures forever."

*Theme:* He is good; His love endures forever.

## **Ezra 9:9**

For we are bondservants; yet our God has not forsaken us in our bondage, but has extended loving kindness to us in the sight of the kings of Persia, to give us a reviving, to set up the house of our God, and to repair its ruins, and to give us a wall in Judah and in Jerusalem.

*Theme:* God shows steadfast love in restoring His people.

## **Nehemiah 9:17**

They refused to obey, and weren't mindful of your wonders that you did among them, but hardened their neck...

But you are a God ready to pardon, gracious and merciful, slow to anger, abundant in loving kindness, and didn't forsake them.

*Theme:* A forgiving God—gracious, compassionate, slow to anger.

## **Esther 4:14**

For if you remain silent now, then relief and deliverance will come to the Jews from another place, but you and your father's house will perish. Who knows if you haven't come to the kingdom for such a time as this?"

*Theme:* Providential care: placed 'for such a time as this.'

## **Job 10:12**

You have granted me life and loving kindness. Your visitation has preserved my spirit.

*Theme:* Granted life and steadfast love; care preserved my spirit.

## **Psalms 103:8**

Yahweh is merciful and gracious, slow to anger, and abundant in loving kindness.

*Theme:* The LORD is merciful and gracious; abounding in love.

## **Proverbs 3:3–4**

Don't let kindness and truth forsake you. Bind them around your neck. Write them on the tablet of your heart. So you will find favor, and good understanding in the sight of God and man.

*Theme:* Bind love and faithfulness; find favor with God and people.

### **Ecclesiastes 3:11**

He has made everything beautiful in its time. He has also set eternity in their hearts, yet so that man can't find out the work that God has done from the beginning even to the end.

*Theme:* He makes everything beautiful in its time.

### **Song of Songs 8:6–7**

Set me as a seal on your heart, as a seal on your arm; for love is strong as death... Many waters can't quench love, neither can floods drown it.

*Theme:* Love's flame is unquenchable; nothing can drown it.

### **Isaiah 54:10**

For the mountains may depart, and the hills be removed; but my loving kindness will not depart from you, and my covenant of peace will not be removed," says Yahweh who has mercy on you.

*Theme:* Unfailing love and covenant of peace will not be removed.

### **Jeremiah 31:3**

Yahweh appeared of old to me, saying, "Yes, I have loved you with an everlasting love. Therefore I have drawn you with loving kindness."

*Theme:* I have loved you with an everlasting love.

### **Lamentations 3:22–23**

It is because of Yahweh's loving kindnesses that we are not consumed, because his compassion doesn't fail.

They are new every morning. Great is your faithfulness.

*Theme:* His mercies are new every morning; great is His faithfulness.

### **Ezekiel 36:26**

I will also give you a new heart, and I will put a new spirit within you. I will take away the stony heart out of your flesh, and I will give you a heart of flesh.

*Theme:* A new heart and spirit—God's renewing mercy.

### **Daniel 9:9**

To the Lord our God belong mercies and forgiveness; for we have rebelled against him.

*Theme:* The Lord is merciful and forgiving.

### **Hosea 11:4**

I drew them with cords of a man, with ties of love; and I was to them like those who lift up the yoke on their jaws; and I bent down to him and I fed him.

*Theme:* With cords of kindness and love, God draws His people.

### **Joel 2:13**

Tear your heart, and not your garments, and turn to Yahweh, your God; for he is gracious and merciful, slow to anger, and abundant in loving kindness, and relents from sending calamity.

*Theme:* Return—God is gracious, compassionate, abounding in love.

### **Amos 5:24**

But let justice roll on like rivers, and righteousness like a mighty stream.

*Theme:* Let justice roll like waters; love through justice.

### **Obadiah 1:17**

But in Mount Zion there will be those who escape, and it will be holy. The house of Jacob will possess their possessions.

*Theme:* On Mount Zion there will be deliverance and holiness.

#### **Jonah 4:2**

He prayed to Yahweh, and said, "Please, Yahweh, wasn't this what I said when I was still in my own country? Therefore I hurried to flee to Tarshish, for I knew that you are a gracious God, and merciful, slow to anger, and abundant in loving kindness, and you relent from doing harm."

*Theme:* God is gracious, compassionate, slow to anger, abounding in love.

#### **Micah 7:18–19**

Who is a God like you, who pardons iniquity, and passes over the disobedience of the remnant of his heritage? He doesn't retain his anger forever, because he delights in loving kindness. He will again have compassion on us. He will tread our iniquities under foot. You will cast all their sins into the depths of the sea.

*Theme:* God delights in mercy; casts our sins into the depths.

#### **Nahum 1:7**

Yahweh is good, a stronghold in the day of trouble; and he knows those who take refuge in him.

*Theme:* The LORD is good—a refuge; He cares for those who trust.

#### **Habakkuk 3:2**

Yahweh, I have heard of your fame. I stand in awe of your deeds, Yahweh. Renew your work in the middle of the years. In the middle of the years make it known. In wrath, you remember mercy.

*Theme:* In wrath remember mercy; revive your work among us.

#### **Zephaniah 3:17**

Yahweh, your God, is among you, a mighty one who will save. He will rejoice over you with joy. He will calm you in his love. He will rejoice over you with singing.

*Theme:* God rejoices over you with singing; quiets with His love.

#### **Haggai 2:9**

'The latter glory of this house will be greater than the former,' says Yahweh of Armies; 'and in this place I will give peace,' says Yahweh of Armies.

*Theme:* Greater glory and peace in this house—a promise of shalom.

#### **Zechariah 8:16–17**

These are the things that you shall do: speak every man the truth with his neighbor. Execute the judgment of truth and peace in your gates; and let none of you devise evil in your hearts against his neighbor, and love no false oath; for all these are things that I hate," says Yahweh.

*Theme:* Truth, justice, and peace—the ethics of God's love.

#### **Malachi 3:17**

They shall be mine," says Yahweh of Armies, "my own possession in the day that I make; and I will spare them, as a man spares his own son who serves him."

*Theme:* 'They shall be my treasured possession'—spared as beloved children.

## **New Testament (27)**

#### **Matthew 11:28–30**

Come to me, all you who labor and are heavily burdened, and I will give you rest. Take my yoke upon you, and learn from me, for I am gentle and humble in heart; and you will find rest for your souls. For my yoke is easy, and my burden is light."

*Theme:* Come to me and find rest—gentle and humble in heart.

**Mark 2:17**

When Jesus heard it, he said to them, “Those who are healthy have no need for a physician, but those who are sick. I came not to call the righteous, but sinners to repentance.”

*Theme:* I came to call sinners, not the righteous—mercy over merit.

**Luke 15:20**

He arose, and came to his father. But while he was still far off, his father saw him, and was moved with compassion, and ran, fell on his neck, and kissed him.

*Theme:* Moved with compassion, the Father runs to embrace.

**John 3:16–17**

For God so loved the world, that he gave his only born Son, that whoever believes in him should not perish, but have eternal life. For God didn’t send his Son into the world to judge the world, but that the world should be saved through him.

*Theme:* God loved the world; the Son came to save, not condemn.

**Acts 10:34–35**

Peter opened his mouth and said, “Truly I perceive that God doesn’t show favoritism; but in every nation he who fears him and works righteousness is acceptable to him.”

*Theme:* God shows no partiality; welcomes all who revere and do right.

**Romans 5:8**

But God commends his own love toward us, in that while we were yet sinners, Christ died for us.

*Theme:* God demonstrates love—Christ died for us while we were sinners.

**1 Corinthians 13:4–7**

Love is patient and is kind. Love doesn’t envy. Love doesn’t brag, is not proud, doesn’t behave itself inappropriately, doesn’t seek its own way, is not provoked, takes no account of evil; doesn’t rejoice in unrighteousness, but rejoices with the truth; bears all things, believes all things, hopes all things, and endures all things.

*Theme:* Love is patient and kind; it bears, believes, hopes, endures.

**2 Corinthians 5:19**

namely, that God was in Christ reconciling the world to himself, not reckoning to them their trespasses, and having committed to us the word of reconciliation.

*Theme:* In Christ God reconciled the world—entrusting us this message.

**Galatians 5:22–23**

But the fruit of the Spirit is love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, goodness, faith, gentleness, and self-control. Against such things there is no law.

*Theme:* Fruit of the Spirit begins with love; shapes a gracious life.

**Ephesians 2:4–5**

But God, being rich in mercy, for his great love with which he loved us, even when we were dead through our trespasses, made us alive together with Christ—by grace you have been saved—

*Theme:* Rich in mercy, God made us alive with Christ by grace.

**Philippians 2:1–5**

If there is therefore any exhortation in Christ, if any consolation of love, if any fellowship of the Spirit, if any tender mercies and compassion, make my joy full, that you be of the same mind, having the same love, being of one accord, of one mind; doing nothing through rivalry or through conceit, but in humility, each counting others better

than himself; each of you not just looking to his own things, but each of you also to the things of others. Have this in your mind, which was also in Christ Jesus.

*Theme:* Share Christ's mindset—self-giving love that serves others.

### **Colossians 1:19–20**

For all the fullness was pleased to dwell in him, and through him to reconcile all things to himself by him, whether things on the earth or things in the heavens, having made peace through the blood of his cross.

*Theme:* Through Christ, God reconciles all things, making peace by the cross.

### **1 Thessalonians 3:12**

May the Lord make you to increase and abound in love one toward another, and toward all men, even as we also do toward you,

*Theme:* May your love overflow for one another and all.

### **2 Thessalonians 2:16–17**

Now our Lord Jesus Christ himself, and God our Father, who loved us and gave us eternal comfort and good hope through grace, comfort your hearts and establish you in every good work and word.

*Theme:* Loved by God—given eternal comfort and good hope by grace.

### **1 Timothy 2:3–4**

For this is good and acceptable in the sight of God our Savior; who desires all people to be saved and come to full knowledge of the truth.

*Theme:* God desires all people to be saved and know truth.

### **2 Timothy 1:9–10**

who saved us, and called us with a holy calling, not according to our works, but according to his own purpose and grace, which was given to us in Christ Jesus before times eternal, but has now been revealed by the appearing of our Savior, Christ Jesus, who abolished death, and brought life and immortality to light through the Good News.

*Theme:* Grace given in Christ before time; now revealed in Him.

### **Titus 3:4–5**

But when the kindness of God our Savior and his love toward mankind appeared, not by works of righteousness, which we did ourselves, but according to his mercy, he saved us, through the washing of regeneration and renewing by the Holy Spirit,

*Theme:* Kindness and love appeared; He saved us by mercy.

### **Philemon 1:16**

no longer as a slave, but more than a slave, a beloved brother, especially to me, but how much rather to you, both in the flesh and in the Lord.

*Theme:* Receive him no longer as a slave, but a beloved brother.

### **Hebrews 4:16**

Let's therefore draw near with boldness to the throne of grace, that we may receive mercy and may find grace for help in time of need.

*Theme:* Approach the throne of grace—help in time of need.

### **James 2:13**

For judgment is without mercy to him who has shown no mercy. Mercy triumphs over judgment.

*Theme:* Mercy triumphs over judgment.

### **1 Peter 5:7**

casting all your worries on him, because he cares for you.

*Theme:* Cast all your anxiety on Him—He cares for you.

**2 Peter 3:9**

The Lord is not slow concerning his promise, as some count slowness; but is patient with us, not wishing that any should perish, but that all should come to repentance.

*Theme:* The Lord is patient—not wanting any to perish.

**1 John 4:9–10**

By this God's love was revealed in us, that God has sent his only born Son into the world that we might live through him. In this is love, not that we loved God, but that he loved us, and sent his Son as the atoning sacrifice for our sins.

*Theme:* God's love shown: He sent His Son as atoning sacrifice.

**2 John 1:3**

Grace, mercy, and peace will be with us, from God the Father, and from Jesus Christ, the Son of the Father, in truth and love.

*Theme:* Grace, mercy, and peace will be with us from God.

**3 John 1:2**

Beloved, I pray that you may prosper in all things and be healthy, even as your soul prospers.

*Theme:* Beloved, I pray you may prosper and be in good health.

**Jude 21**

Keep yourselves in the love of God, looking for the mercy of our Lord Jesus Christ to eternal life.

*Theme:* Keep yourselves in God's love; wait for Jesus' mercy.

**Revelation 21:3–5**

I heard a loud voice out of heaven saying, "Behold, God's dwelling is with people, and he will dwell with them, and they will be his people, and God himself will be with them as their God. He will wipe away every tear from their eyes. Death will be no more; neither will there be mourning, nor crying, nor pain, any more. The first things have passed away." He who sits on the throne said, "Behold, I am making all things new." He said, "Write, for these words of God are faithful and true."

*Theme:* God dwells with us, wipes tears, makes all things new.