



*God moves in mysterious ways
His wonders to perform;
He plants his footsteps in the sea,
And rides upon the storm.*

*Deep in unfathomable mines
Of never failing skill,
He treasures up his bright designs
And works his sovereign will.*

*Ye fearful saints, fresh courage take,
The clouds ye so much dread
Are big with mercy, and shall break
In blessings on your head.*

*Judge not the lord by feeble sense,
But trust him for his grace;
behind a frowning providence
He hides a smiling face.*

*His purposes will ripen fast,
Unfolding every hour;
The bud may have a bitter taste,
But sweet will be the flower.*

*Blind unbelief is sure to err,
And scan his work in vain:
God is his own interpreter,
And He will make it plain.*

-William Cowper

Beloved, let us love one another: for love is of God; and every one that loveth is born of God, and knoweth God. (1 John 4:7)

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The Moral Attributes of God

1. Truth
2. Love

Understanding Two Kinds of Love

1. **Agape:**
To choose the highest or best good for another without utilitarian considerations
2. **Phileo:**
To be friends with;
To have personal attachment to;
To have reciprocal affections;

The Importance of Understanding Agape Love

1. To understand the great essence of God
2. To understand what we should be
3. So that others can be recipients of this great love of God through us

The Characteristics of Agape Love

1. Voluntariness
2. Liberty
3. Intelligence
4. Virtue
5. Disinterestedness
6. Impartiality
7. Universality
8. Efficiency
9. Complacency to holiness
10. Opposition to sin
11. Compassion for the miserable
12. Mercy
13. Justice
14. Veracity
15. Patience

...I am meek and lowly in heart:
(Matthew 11:29)

He was oppressed, and he was afflicted,
yet he opened not his mouth: he is
brought as a lamb to the slaughter, and
as a sheep before her shearers is dumb,
so he openeth not his mouth.
(Isaiah 53:7)

Who, when he was reviled, reviled not
again; when he suffered, he threatened
not; (1 Peter 2:23)

And being found in fashion as a man,
he humbled himself... (Philippians 2:8)

Who gave himself a ransom for all, to
be testified in due time. (1 Timothy 2:6)

...and the life which I now live in the
flesh I live by the faith of the Son of
God, who loved me, and gave himself
for me. (Galatians 2:20)

Who gave himself for us, that he might
redeem us from all iniquity, and purify
unto himself a peculiar people, zealous
of good works. (Titus 2:14)

Who gave himself for our sins, that he
might deliver us from this present evil
world... (Galatians 1:4)

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Though the LORD be high, yet hath he respect unto the lowly: (Psalm 138:6)

Take my yoke upon you, and learn of me; for I am meek and lowly in heart: and ye shall find rest unto your souls. (Matthew 11:29)

Who, being in the form of God, thought it not robbery to be equal with God:

But made himself of no reputation, and took upon him the form of a servant, and was made in the likeness of men: (Philippians 2:6-7)

(Agape Love)... endureth all things. (1 Corinthians 13:7)

And the LORD said, My spirit shall not always strive with man, for that he also is flesh: yet his days shall be an hundred and twenty years. (Genesis 6:3)

The LORD hath appeared of old unto me, saying, Yea, I have loved thee with an everlasting love: therefore with lovingkindness have I drawn thee. (Jeremiah 31:3)

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