

Matthew 22:37-40 (NLT)

³⁷ Jesus replied, “You must **love** the Lord your God with all your heart, all your soul, and all your mind.’ ³⁸ This is the first and greatest commandment. ³⁹ A second is equally important: ‘**Love** your neighbor as yourself.’ ⁴⁰ The entire law and all the demands of the prophets are based on these two commandments.”

5.

*We cannot love others unless we have
first been captivated by His love for us.*

6.

Jeremiah 31:33 (NLT)

“But this is the new covenant I will make with the people of Israel after those days,” says the Lord. “I will put my instructions deep within them, and I will write them **on their hearts**. I will be their God, and they will be my people.”

7.

Isaiah 9:2, 6, 7b (NLT)

² The people who walk in darkness will see a great light. For those who live in a land of deep darkness, a light will shine.

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⁶ For a child is born to us, a son is given to us. The government will rest on his shoulders. And he will be called: Wonderful Counselor, Mighty God, Everlasting Father, Prince of Peace.

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^{7b} The passionate commitment of the Lord of Heaven's Armies will make this happen!

8.

Isaiah 7:14 (NLT)

“...the Lord himself will give you the sign. Look! The virgin will conceive a child! She will give birth to a son and will call him Immanuel (which means ‘God is with us’).”

9.



10.

*He doesn't love us because we're lovely.
We're lovely because He loves us.*

“...but God shows his **love** for us in that while we were still sinners, Christ died for us.”

Romans 5:8 (ESV)

11.



We can love because we are loved.

¹⁶ “For God so **loved** the world, that he gave his only Son, that whoever believes in him should not perish but have eternal life. ¹⁷ For God did not send his Son into the world to condemn the world, but in order that the world might be saved through him.”

John 3:16-17 (ESV)

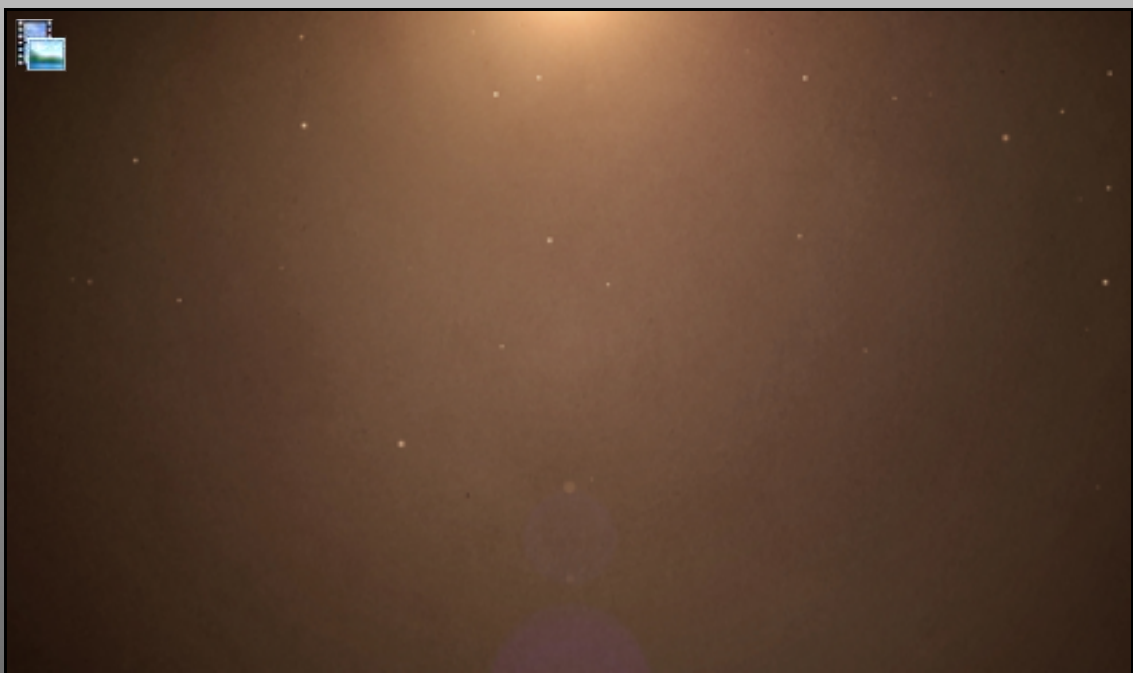
12.



The night will soon be ending;
The dawn cannot be far.
Let songs of praise ascending
Now greet the Morning Star!
All you whom darkness frightens
With guilt or grief or pain,
God's radiant Star now brightens
And bids you sing again.

The Night Will Soon Be Ending, J. Klepper

13.



14.

Is there something you want to say to God in this moment? Will you say it quietly to Him?

Is there something you long to hear from God today? Will you ask Him to speak to you?