



Scriptures from New International Version unless noted

## THE GOD OF LIGHT AND LOVE

### GOD IS LIGHT.

*...high above on the throne was a figure like that of a man. I saw that from what appeared to be his waist up he looked like glowing metal, as if full of fire, and that from there down he looked like fire... Like the appearance of a rainbow in the clouds on a rainy day, so was the radiance around him. This was the appearance of the likeness of the glory of the Lord.*

Ezekiel 1:26-27 (600 BC)

*On April 23, as I was standing on the bank of the great Tigris river, I looked up and saw a man dressed in linen clothing, with a belt of pure gold around his waist. His body looked like a precious gem. His face flashed like lightning, and his eyes flamed like torches. His arms and feet shone like polished bronze, and His voice roared like a vast multitude of people.*

Daniel 10:4-6 NLT (450 BC)

*...there will be a time in the future when Galilee of the Gentiles... will be filled with glory. The people who walk in darkness will see a great light... 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.*

Isaiah 9:1-2, 6 NLT (680 BC)

*"I am the light of the world. If you follow me, you won't have to walk in darkness, because you will have the light that leads to life."*

John 8:12 NLT (30 AD)

*He was wearing a long robe with a gold sash across his chest... His eyes were like flames of fire. His feet were like polished bronze refined in a furnace, and His voice thundered like mighty ocean waves... And His face was like the sun in all its brilliance.*

Revelation 1:13-16 NLT

*For there is no difference between Jew and Gentile—the same Lord is Lord of all and richly blesses all who call on him, for, "Everyone who calls on the name of the Lord will be saved."*

Romans 10:12-13

### GOD IS LOVE.

*...a light from heaven suddenly shown down around him. He fell to the ground and heard a voice saying to him, "Saul, Saul! Why are you persecuting me?" "Who are you, Lord?" Saul asked. And the voice replied, "I am Jesus, the one you are persecuting! Now get up and go into the city, and you will be told what you must do."*

Acts 9:3-6 NLT

*And everyone will see him—even those who pierced him.*

Revelation 1:7 NLT

*The Lord passed in front of Moses, calling out, "Yahweh! The Lord! The God of compassion and mercy! I am slow to anger and filled with unfailing love and faithfulness. I lavish unfailing love to a thousand generations. I forgive iniquity, rebellion, and sin. But I do not excuse*

*the guilty.*

Exodus 34:6-7 NLT (1500 BC)

*"...the Son of Man must be lifted up, that everyone who believes may have eternal life in him. For God so loved the world that he gave his one and only son, that whoever believes in him shall not perish, but have eternal life. For God did not send his son into the world to condemn the world, but to save the world through him. Whoever believes in him is not condemned, but whoever does not believe stands condemned already..."*

John 3:14-18

*"I have loved you even as the Father has loved me. Remain in my love. When you obey my commandments, you remain in my love, just as I obey my Father's commandments and remain in his love. I have told you these things so that you will be filled with my joy. Yes, your joy will overflow!"*

John 15:9-11 NLT

### GOD IS PERSONAL.

*"I thought to myself, 'I would love to treat you as my own children!' I wanted nothing more than to give you this beautiful land—the finest possession in the world. I look forward to your calling me 'Father,' and I wanted you never to turn from Me. But you have been unfaithful to me... like a faithless wife who leaves her husband."*

Jeremiah 3:19-20 NLT

*Because God's children are human beings—made of flesh and blood—the Son also became flesh and blood... it was necessary for him to be made in every respect like us, his brothers and sisters, so that he could be our merciful and faithful High Priest before God. Then he could offer a sacrifice that would take away the sins of the people. Since he himself has gone through suffering and testing, he is able to help us when we are being tested.*

Hebrews 2:14, 17-18 NLT

*[Jesus]...understands our weaknesses, for He faced all of the same testings we do, yet he did not sin. So let us come boldly to the throne of our gracious God. There we will receive his mercy, and we will find grace to help us when we need it most.*

Hebrews 4:15-16 NLT

*...God will rejoice over you as a bridegroom rejoices over his bride.*

Isaiah 62:5 NLT

### GOD IS RELATIONAL.

*"Do not let your hearts be troubled. You believe in God; believe also in me... if I go and prepare a place for you, I will come back and take you to be with me, that you also may be where I am. You know the way to where I am going." Thomas said to him, "Lord, we don't know where you are going, so how can we know the way?" Jesus answered, "I am the way and the truth and the life. No one comes to the father except through me. If you really know me, you will know my Father as well. From now on, you do know him and have seen him."*

John 14:1, 2-7

*...Jesus answered. "No one can come to me unless the Father who sent me draws them, and I will raise them up at the last day. It is written in the Prophets: 'They will all be taught by God.' Everyone who has heard the Father and learned from Him comes to me."*

John 6:42-45

*"...but whoever rejects Me rejects Him who sent Me."*

Luke 10:16

### HOW SHOULD WE LIVE?

- 1. START A RELATIONSHIP WITH GOD.**
- 2. GROW IN FRIENDSHIP WITH GOD.**
- 3. BRING THE LIGHT AND LOVE OF HEAVEN TO EARTH.**