



You, O Lord, Are Loving
Psalm 62:11

One thing God has spoken, two things
I have heard that you, O God, are **STRONG**
and that you, O Lord, are **LOVING**
(Psalm 62:11) NIV



For our GOD IS a consuming FIRE
(Hebrews 12:29)

✓ all consuming... useful, but not
dangerous (fear)



GOD IS LIGHT (and in him is no darkness at all!) (*1 John 1:5*)

✓ all illuminating... beautiful,
but blinding (confidence!)



GOD IS LOVE. (*1 John 4:16*)

✓ all satisfying... **joyful**,
but **heartbreaking** (gratitude!)

*Psalm 62:11... **hesed***

- compassion, mercy, kindness
(*emotional* response)
- steadfast, unwavering, fixed
(*volitional* response)

We love LOVE! But what is it?

Attraction! (admiration)

Then the king will say, “Come you who are blessed; take your inheritance, the kingdom prepared for you from the creation of the world! *(Mt. 25:34)*

This is love, not that we loved God,
but that he [first] loved us and sent his
son... We love because he first loved...
us. (*1 John 4:10, 19*)

The **creation** of our **world** was
because God was **drawn** to humanity
and would eventually **create** **us**!

Connection! (visitation)

When the time had fully come, God sent forth his Son, born of a women, born under law... and God has sent forth his spirit into our hearts, the Spirit who calls him “abba” (dad)... God has made you to be a son and heir...

Formerly, you did not know God...
but now you know God, or rather
are known by God (*Galatians 4:4-9*)

The **force** of **gravity** cannot even
compare to the love which pulled
God **close** to **us**!

Though being God in his very nature,
he did not consider equality with God
something to be grasped (clung to),
but made himself nothing, taking
the very nature of a servant, being made
in human likeness.

And being found in appearance
as a man (connection! visitation!),
he humbled himself and became
obedient unto death, even death
on a cross! (*Phil. 2:6-8*)

Commitment! (dedication)

And he passed in front of Moses,
proclaiming, “The Lord, the
compassionate and gracious God, slow
to anger, abounding in LOVE and
FAITHFULNESS (hesed), maintaining
love to the thousands and forgiving
wickedness, rebellion and sin. Yet he
does not leave the guilty unpunished.

(Ex. 34)

Who will rise up for me against the wicked?... Unless the Lord had given me help, I would have soon died. When I said, “My foot is slipping!” your LOVE, O Lord, supported me. When anxiety was great within me, your consolation brought joy to my soul (*Psalms 94*).

So my heart is glad, my tongue
rejoices and my body will rest secure.
Because you will not abandon me to
the grave... You have made known to
me the path of life and you will fill me
with joy in your presence and at your
right hand (*Psalms 16*).

Love refuses to quit **because**
it never **ceases** to **delight** in its **work**
of protecting, providing, and being
present!