



Lewiston Church of Christ

March 24, 2019

Love

Weekly Services

Sunday Morning

Bible Study 9:45 AM

Worship 10:45 AM

Sun. Day/Evening Groups

Wed Bible Study 7:00 PM

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Great Words in God's Word

(Fifth in a series of bulletin articles on Bible words)

“Ahab” and “Hesed”

The two foremost Hebrew words for love in the Old Testament are...

‘Ahab (215X): Love, friendship, attraction, that which allies share.

Hesed (244X): Covenant love, steadfast grace, kindness, mercy.

In general, “**ahab**” is love coming from man while “**hesed**” is love coming from God. There are exceptions to this, but the list below illustrates the general trend.

Ahab (used 215 times in the OT):

- Genesis 22:2 – ‘*Ahab* refers to Abraham’s *love* for Isaac.
- Gen. 25:28 – Isaac’s *love* for Esau; Rebekah’s *love* for Jacob.
- Gen. 27:14 – Isaac’s *love* for meat.
- Gen. 29:18 – Jacob’s *love* for Rachel.
- Leviticus 19:18. – “*Love your neighbor as yourself.*”
- Deuteronomy 6:5 – Man’s *love* for God – heart, soul, might.
- Judges 16:4 – Samson “fell in *love*” with Delilah.
- Esther 2:17 – “Now the king was *attracted* to Esther...”
- Ecclesiastes 5:10 – “Whoever *loves* money never has money enough.”

Hesed (used 244 times in the OT):

- Genesis 24:12f – God’s *love* for Abraham.
- Exodus 15:13 – God’s Redeeming *love* (Song of Moses).
- Deuteronomy 7:12 – God’s Covenant-keeping *love*.
- 2 Samuel 7:15 – God’s unlosable *love* (for David).
- Psalm 21:7 – God’s unfailing *love*.
- Psalm 23:6 – God’s persistent *love* (all the days of your life).
- Psalm 51:1 – God’s merciful *love* (for a sinner).
- Isaiah 54:10 – God’s unshakable *love* (everlasting).
- Lamentations 3:22 – “*The steadfast love of the Lord.*”

One of the most beautiful passages in the Bible combines ‘**ahab** and **hesed** into one powerful imperative (the added emphasis below will make the point).

*He has told you, O man, what is good;
And what does the LORD require of you
But to do justice, to love kindness (ahab-hesed),
And to walk humbly with your God?*

(Micah 6:8)