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Because God loves you, He Provides- Part 73

Did you know that God loves you more than anyone else could ever love you?

God proves His love to you by providing **His reaching** love to you. **Psalm 36:5-6 "Your love**, **O Lord, reaches to the heavens, your faithfulness to the skies. Your righteousness is like the mighty mountains, your justice like the great deep."**

The Hebrew word for **reaching love** is *chacad* which means *kind*, *good*, *and will not be put to shame*. The Psalmist says that God's love is full of kindness. In other words, He is not rough or overbearing with us, but He is gentle and kind. He is good to us as **Ps. 103:10-11** states, "*He does not treat us as our sins deserve or repay us according to our iniquities. For as high as the heavens are above the earth, so great is His love for those who fear Him; as far as the east is from the west, so far has He removed our transgressions from us.*"

He is our gentle Father. He is patient and kind to us. He takes great care to watch over us and protect us. This is all motivated by His great love for us.

The second part of this word literally means, *He will not be put to shame*. In other words, God's love is His bond or promise to us and He will do everything in His power to pour that love out upon His children. He will make sure that no one could ever say, "Well, God must not really love you." His reputation as a loving God will not be tarnished or be put to shame, but instead He wants to lavish His love upon you, day in and day out. It will reach as far as need be to make sure you know that you are loved. **Ps. 139:7-10** "Where can I go from Your Spirit? Where can I flee from Your presence? If I go up to the heavens, You are there; if I make my bed in the depths, You are there. If I rise on the wings of the dawn, if I settle on the far side of the sea, even there Your hand will guide me, Your right hand will hold me fast." Now why could the Psalmist say in this passage that there was no place he could go that God's presence would not be there? Because God will not be put to shame. His love to come into your life? Will you receive His gracious love and let it flow over you and surround you? He's waiting for you, patiently and gently, waiting.

Dear Father, I praise You that Your love will not be put to shame. You are good and kind, and gentle with us. You will not be put to shame. In Jesus Name, Amen