

## Abba God's Love for Us (in Hebrew Words) -- Aheb (Affectionate Love and Friendship Love)

### Aheb (aw-hab') in Deuteronomy 7:13

**Deuteronomy 7:12-13** -- "[12] Wherefore it shall come to pass, if ye hearken to these judgments, and keep, and do them, that the LORD thy God shall keep unto thee the covenant and the mercy which he sware unto thy fathers:

[13] And he will **love** thee, and bless thee, and multiply thee: he will also bless the fruit of thy womb, and the fruit of thy land, thy corn, and thy wine, and thine oil, the increase of thy kine, and the flocks of thy sheep, in the land which he sware unto thy fathers to give thee."

The word **love** is **aheb** (aw-hab') in Hebrew. According to Strong's Exhaustive Concordance, the Hebrew word **aheb** (Strong's #157) includes "... beloved like, friend ... to have affection for ..." in its definition.

The NAS Exhaustive Concordance includes "dearly love", "shows love", "lover", and "beloved" in its definition of **aheb**.

God is a Christian's Lover. He has affection for us and considers us (each Christian) to be His friend. We are beloved of Abba God. Since Abba God loves us, He *shows* his love to us (and we will *feel* His love if we look to Him and turn from idols).

➤ Note: Read the book of Galatians if you feel (the wrong belief) that you "have to" do work for God to love you or to meet your needs. We do not work for God to love us. He loved us before we even existed (Psalm 139, John 3:16). Also, read Galatians if you feel that you have to observe the Jewish feast days and Old Testament dietary restrictions.

➤ We need to focus on who God is and place into His hands the lies we have believed about Him (2 Corinthians 10:5). God is love, according to 1 John 4:16. He has great, longing, personal, tender, delighting-in-us, affectionate *phileó* love for believers (*if we love Jesus*. See *John 16:27*). But, He also has great, benevolent, affectionate *agapé* love, which is *unconditional* love, both for born-again Christians and lost souls (John 3:16).