

Abba God's Love for Us (in Hebrew Words) 🌐 Chabab (Cherishing, Affectionate, Embracing Love)

⇒ Chabab (khaw-bab') in Deuteronomy 33:3

Deuteronomy 33:3 -- "Yea, **he loved** the people; all **his** saints are in **thy** hand: and they sat down at **thy** feet; every one shall receive of **thy** words."

[Note: The bold, underlined words refer to God Himself. "Thy" refers to the pre-incarnate Jesus Christ (God the Son), who appeared to people in Old Testament times. He appears as Jesus Christ in New Testament times. "He" and "His" refer to God the Father.]

➔ The word for **loved** is **chabab** (Strong's #2245) in Hebrew. **Strong's Exhaustive Concordance** defines **chabab** as: "A primitive root (compare chaba', chabah); properly, to hide (as in the **bosom**), i.e. To **cherish** (with affection) -- love."

➔ Webster's 1828 dictionary defines **bosom** as: "... 1. The breast ... 2. The folds or covering of clothes about the breast. ... 3. Embrace, as with arms ; inclosure [sic] ; **compass** ; often implying friendship or affection ; ..." (Webster)

➔ Let's focus on the word **compass**. In the same dictionary, **compass** (verb transitive) is defined as: "... 1. To stretch round ; ... hence, to inclose [sic], encircle ... as, to compass with the arms. 2. To surround ; ..." (Webster)

Abba God hides us believers in His bosom (close to His breast) and embraces us (His son or daughter) with His loving arms because He is our affectionate, loving, Abba Father (See [Galatians 4:6-7](#)).

➔ The word **cherish** is in the definition for **chabab**. Webster's 1828 dictionary defines **cherish** as: "1. To treat with tenderness and affection ; to give warmth, ease or comfort to. ... 2. To hold as dear ; to embrace with affection ; to foster, and encourage ; ..." (Webster)

In His great, Fatherly love for us, Abba God cherishes us believers. He has tenderness and affection for us. We are very dear to God, and He has warm feelings toward us, and holds us in His affectionate embrace. Abba God the Father hides in His bosom those who rest in Him because He is *the* loving, caring Abba Father. **He comforts as we look to Him and rest in His embrace.** (*Abba God gives grace and peace to us believers. He also gives us comfort and consolation.*)

See *2 Corinthians 1:2-4.*)

➔ 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*).

Learn about God's other types of love in:

- (1) ***this article about Aheb (aw-hab') (Affectionate Love)***
- (2) ***this article about God's Phileó love and His Koinónia fellowship with us***
- (3) ***this article about God's Checed (lovingkindness and devotion to us believers).***

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