

“THE HESSED LOVE OF GOD”

1. When you hear God described as being “love”, what images/pictures come to your mind?

2. What is the definition of a “deism” and how is it different from “theism”?

3. Is it possible to reject deism mentally while yet at the same time living it out in your daily practice? What does a person’s prayer life reveal concerning what their practical theology really is? In what camp do find yourself in? Why?

4. In what specific ways has your own personal experience challenged deism? What specific passages in scripture also challenge deism?

5. "Hesed love" is a steadfast, rock-solid faithfulness that endures to eternity". In what passages of scripture do you find God powerfully demonstrating this kind of love?

6. Reflect on the story of Abraham and God's covenant with him. How does this covenant demonstrate God's hesed love and His commitment to His promises?

7. Explain the purpose of sacrifices in the Old Testament, and how they relate to the concept of asking God to keep His promises.

8. How did Jesus' crucifixion on Good Friday fulfill the Old Testament and God's promises? How does this relate to the concept of communion?

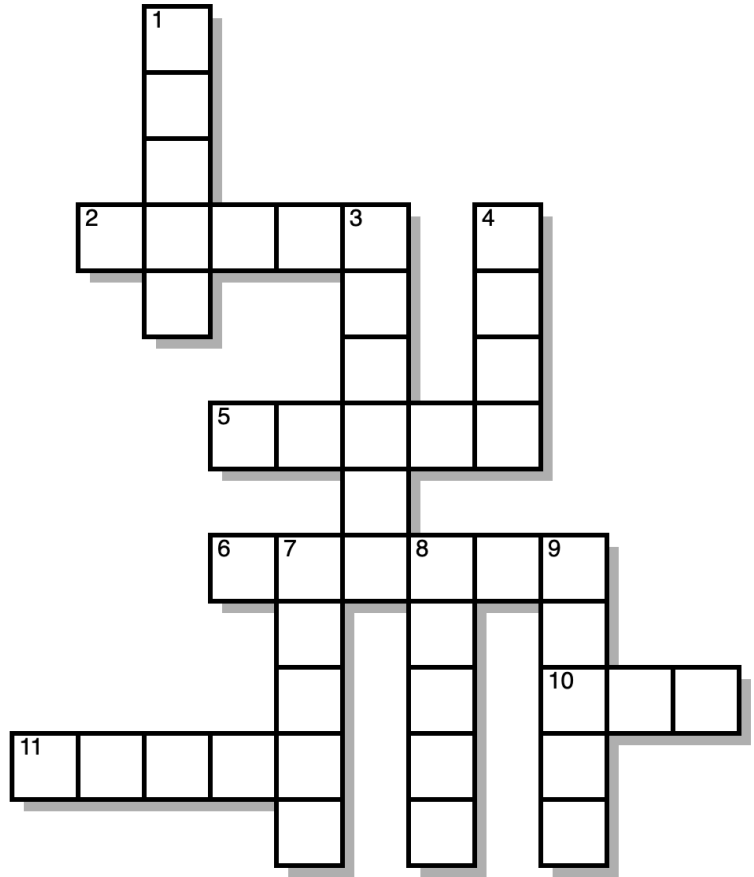
9. During communion, what is the significance of looking back and remembering God's faithfulness? How can this practice help strengthen one's faith?

Across

- 2 The first person to name God, giving Him the name "El Roi".
- 5 Greek word for "God".
- 6 "Every good thing given and every perfect gift is from above, coming down from the Father of lights, with whom there is no variation or shifting _____." (James 1:17)
- 10 Latin word meaning "God".
- 11 Jesus died at _____ o'clock, at the time of the sacrifice.

Down

- 2 This is the branch of religion that holds to the belief that there is only one god.
- 3 I am Yahweh your God who brought you out of the land of Egypt, out of the house of _____. "You shall have no other gods before Me. (Deut. 5:6-7)
- 5 This language is very word-poor (a much smaller vocabulary).
- 7 How many times a day do Jews recite the Shema?
- 8 "Adonai" means "the _____".
- 11 This rabbi was executed by Rome and died with the Shema on his lips.



WORD SEARCH:

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| Deism | Zarephath |
| Theism | Drought |
| Prayer | Unchanging |
| Disciples | Love |
| Scripture | Covenant |
| Hagar | Blood |
| El | Passover |
| Moses | Communion |
| Exodus | Faithfulness |
| Bush | Jesus |
| Elijah | Salvation |

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