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2 The LORD our God made a covenant with us at Horeb.  
3 It was not with our ancestors that the LORD made this covenant, but with us, with all of us who are alive here today.  
4 The LORD spoke to you face to face out of the fire on the mountain.  
5 (At that time I stood between the LORD and you to declare to you the word of the LORD, because you were afraid of the fire and did not go up the mountain.) And he said:  
6 "I am the LORD your God, who brought you out of Egypt, out of the land of slavery.  
7 "You shall have no other gods before me.  
8 "You shall not make for yourself an image in the form of anything in heaven above or on the earth beneath or in the waters below.  
9 You shall not bow down to them or worship them; for I, the LORD your God, am a jealous God, punishing the children for the sin of the parents to the third and fourth generation of those who hate me,  
10 but showing love to a thousand generations of those who love me and keep my commandments kingdom of heaven.

## 1 John 4:7-21

7 Dear friends, let us love one another, for love comes from God. Everyone who loves has been born of God and knows God.  
8 Whoever does not love does not know God, because God is love.  
9 This is how God showed his love among us: He sent his one and only Son into the world that we might live through him.  
10 This is love: not that we loved God, but that he loved us and sent his Son as an atoning sacrifice for our sins.  
11 Dear friends, since God so loved us, we also ought to love one another.  
12 No one has ever seen God; but if we love one another, God lives in us and his love is made complete in us.  
13 This is how we know that we live in him and he in us: He has given us of his Spirit.  
14 And we have seen and testify that the Father has sent his Son to be the Savior of the world.  
15 If anyone acknowledges that Jesus is the Son of God, God lives in them and they in God.  
16 And so we know and rely on the love God has for us: God is love. Whoever lives in love lives in God, and God in them.  
17 This is how love is made complete among us so that we will have confidence on the day of judgment: In this world we are like Jesus.  
18 There is no fear in love. But perfect love drives out fear, because fear has to do with punishment. The one who fears is not made perfect in love.  
19 We love because he first loved us.  
20 Whoever claims to love God yet hates a brother or sister is a liar. For whoever does not love their brother and sister, whom they have seen, cannot love God, whom they have not seen.  
21 And he has given us this command: Anyone who loves God must also love their brother and sister.

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6 who spread out the earth upon the waters,  
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7 who made the great lights—  
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8 the sun to govern the day,  
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10 to him who struck down the firstborn of Egypt  
His love endures forever.

11 and brought Israel out from among them  
His love endures forever.

12 with a mighty hand and outstretched arm;  
His love endures forever.

13 to him who divided the Red Sea asunder  
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14 and brought Israel through the midst of it,  
His love endures forever.

15 but swept Pharaoh and his army into the Red Sea;  
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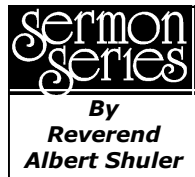
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34 Hearing that Jesus had silenced the Sadducees, the Pharisees got together.  
35 One of them, an expert in the law, tested him with this question:  
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"Love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all  
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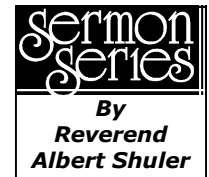
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