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*"He delights in mercy" (Micah 7:18)*

## **Why Do You Love God?**

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**W**hat would you think of a young lady who dated a wealthy young man only because he had the ability and the inclination to shower her with gifts and jewelry. You're probably not too impressed with this young lady's "love" she has for this young man.

Now then, let me ask you another question. What would you think of a person who says they love God in order to manipulate him to their purposes? What about a person who loves God because of God's ability and inclination to shower gifts on us? Is it any different?

Jesus said that the greatest commandment of all is that we should "love God with all our heart, with all our soul, and with all our mind." We should love God simply because he is God. Not for what he might do for us, but simply for who he is. You can either love God for his own sake, or you can love him for the sake of getting what he has (if that's love at all). The choice is yours.

By the way, just why do you love God?