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Yes, God loves you. God is the Creator of this world. He created this world so there would be people who could be in a relationship with Him. And one of the people that He had in mind when He created the world, is you. In Isaiah 46:10 we read that God “declares... from ancient times things not yet done”. He knows the things, and therefore even more the people, that will exist in each generation. You are not an accident. You were planned by God. Adam, the first man, is called “the son of God” (Luke 3:38). All people are “God’s offspring” (Acts 17:28). Therefore in a sense all people are children of God. God loves all His children and wants the best for them. That includes you.

God’s love for everybody

In many places in God’s Word we are told that God loves people. The most famous Bible verse says: “For God so loved the world, that He gave his only Son, that whoever believes in Him should not perish but have eternal life”

(John 3:16). This speaks about God's love, not just for good people or for special people, but for everybody. Another verse emphasizes that God's love is not dependent on what we do: "God shows His love for us in that while we were still sinners, Christ died for us" (Romans 5:8).

God's love for individual people

These are very encouraging verses, but they speak in a general sense. If God loves 'the world' or 'sinners', does He also love me personally? Does He know me, does He see me, does He care about me? The Bible shows that God's love is very personal. When you were formed in the womb, God was there (Psalm 139:12-16).

The clearest proof of God's love for individual people are the many answered prayers we find in the Bible. Just a few examples: God answered Gideon's prayer for a sign to know that God had called him (Judges 6:36-40). He answered Hannah's prayer for a child (1 Samuel 1:10-20). He answered Elijah's prayer to revive a dead boy (1 Kings 17:22). God answered Hezekiah's prayer for healing (2

Kings 20:1-11). And He answered the church's prayer for the release of Peter from prison (Acts 12:5-17). You can be sure that God is interested in you personally, just as He was in all these people from the Bible.

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But there is another side to this. God's care is for everybody: "He makes His sun rise on the evil and on the good" (Matthew 5:45). Yet being God's offspring in the sense that He has created us, is not enough to be saved. Jesus loved a rich young man who came to visit Him (Mark 10:21). Yet the man left Jesus, and there is no indication he was ever saved. God's love goes out to you. He gave His Son so that everybody who believes in Him would not perish but have eternal life. And that includes you. But you will still perish if you do not believe. So the question is not: does God love you? The question is: do you love God?

Only when you love God back, you will personally experience God's love for you. If you put out a bucket in the rain, but the bucket is upside down, it will not be filled.

In the same way God is ready to pour out His love on you, but you should be ready to receive it. And the greatest miracle of all is: God Himself makes us ready to receive it. He puts the bucket upright, He pours His love into our hearts (Romans 5:5). Do you long for that?

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