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² "Rebuke your mother, rebuke her, for she is not my wife, and I am not her husband. Let her remove the adulterous look from her face and the unfaithfulness from between her breasts.... 4 I will not show my love to her children, because they are the children of adultery.⁵ Their mother has been unfaithful and has conceived them in disgrace. She said, 'I will go after my lovers, who give me my food and my water, my wool and my linen, my olive oil and my drink."

Is I will punish her for the days she burned incense to the Baals; she decked herself with rings and jewelry, and went after her lovers, but me she forgot," declares the Lord. 14 "Therefore I am now going to allure her; I will lead her into the wilderness and speak tenderly to her. 15 There I will give her back her vineyards, and will make the Valley of Achor[trouble] a door of hope.

There she will respond[sing] as in the days of her youth, as in the day she came up out of Egypt. ¹⁶ "In that day," declares the Lord, "you will call me 'my husband'; you will no longer call me 'my master.[baal]' ¹⁷ I will remove the names of the Baals from her lips; no longer will their names be invoked.

Hosea 2:13-17

"I will betroth you to Me forever; Yes, I will betroth you to Me In righteousness and justice, In lovingkindness (chesed) and mercy; ²⁰ I will betroth you to Me in faithfulness, And you shall know the Lord.

Hosea 2:13-17

² I will declare that your love (chesed) stands firm forever, that you have established your faithfulness in heaven itself.

Psalm 89:2

² For I have said, "Mercy (chesed) shall be built up forever; Your faithfulness You shall establish in the very heavens."

Psalm 89:2

19 We love Him because He first loved us.

1 John 4:19 NKHV

What, then, shall we say in response to these things? If God is for us, who can be against us? 32 He who did not spare his own Son, but gave him up for us all—how will he not also, along with him, graciously give us all things?

Romans 8:31-32

35 Who shall separate us from the love of Christ? Shall trouble or hardship or persecution or famine or nakedness or danger or sword? 36 As it is written: "For your sake we face death all day long; we are considered as sheep to be slaughtered." 37 No, in all these things we are more than conquerors through him who loved us. 38 For I am convinced that neither death nor life, neither

Romans 8:35-39

angels nor demons, neither the present nor the future, nor any powers, ³⁹ neither height nor depth, nor anything else in all creation, will be able to separate us from the love of God that is in Christ Jesus our Lord.

Romans 8:35-39

¹⁶ I pray that out of his glorious riches he may strengthen you with power through his Spirit in your inner being, ¹⁷ so that Christ may dwell in your hearts through faith. And I pray that you, being rooted and established in love, 18 may have power, together with all the Lord's holy people, to grasp how wide and long and high and deep is the love of Christ, 19 and to know this love that surpasses knowledge—that you may be filled to the measure of all the fullness of God.

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