Ahavat Olam אַהַבַת עוֹלְם

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אָהָבָת עוֹלָם בֵּית יִשְׁרָאֵל עַמְּדְ אָהָרְהָ,

תוֹרָה וּמִצְוֹת, חֻקִים וּמִשְׁפָּטִים אוֹתָנוּ לִמַדְתָּ.

עַל כֵּן יָיָ אֶלהֵינוּ, בְּשָׁכְבֵנוּ וּבְקוּמֵנוּ נְשִׂיחַ בְּחֻקֶּיךּ,

ּוְנִשְׂמַח בְּדִבְרֵי תוֹרָתֶדְ וּבְמִצְוֹתֶידְ לְעוֹלָם וָעֶד.

כִּי הֵם חַנִינוּ וְאֹרֶךְ יָמֵינוּ, וּבָהֶם נָהְגָה יוֹמָם וָלְיְלָה,

וָאַהַבָּתְדְ אַל תָּסִיר מִמֶנוּ לְעוֹלְמִים.

בָּרוּךְ אַתָּה יָיָ, אוֹהֵב עַמוֹ יִשְׂרָאֵל.

BIG Idea - Everlasting love!

בּוֹלְבֹת עוֹלְבֹּת Ahavat Olam is a prayer that we chant during services to remind us that God loves us forever. God expresses this love for us by giving us Torah - our source of wisdom and guidance. We show God that we feel God's love by studying Torah and keeping Mitzvot.



Key words:

שהבת עולם – everlasting love

יִשְׁרַאֵּל - Israel

- loved אַהֶּבְתַּ

Torah and commandments - תוֹרָה וּמְצוֹת

ייַ אַלהֵינוּ - Adonai our God

דוֹרֶתֶּךְ וּבְמִצְוֹתֶיךְ Your Torah and Your commandments

לעוֹלָם וַעֵּד - forever and ever

- our life

Did you know?

Jeremiah was a prophet who lived approximately in the year 600 BCE – That is 2600 years ago!

Jeremiah said -

"God appeared to us and said: I have loved you with an everlasting love"

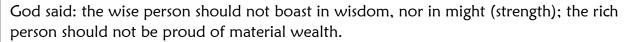
In Hebrew:

"וָאַהַבַת עוֹלָם אָהַבִּתִּיךִ"

Do any of the Hebrew words look familiar? Which ones?

Ahavat Olam prayer is based on Jeremiah's words!

Another one of the prophet's famous sayings is:



But a person shall be proud of believing in God, and knowing God's commandments – knowing that God exercises mercy, justice, and righteousness on the earth."

This reminds us that according to God, the value of caring and doing the right thing are more important than material or physical things.

