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- **John 10:27-28 ESV** *My sheep* hear my voice, and I know them, and they follow me.
- 28 I give them eternal life, and they will never perish, and no one will snatch them out of my hand.

- 16 "You did not choose Me, but I chose you and appointed you that you should go and bear fruit, and that your fruit should remain, that whatever you ask the Father in My name He may give you.
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- He will render to each one according to his works—

There are conditions to continuing to experience the enduring love of the LORD, the lifelong prosperity He holds out for those who keep His covenant (in Christ) and fear Him.

Often liberals and the backslidden say 'how could such and such happen if there is a loving God?'

od is Love — that is an absolute. As humans we must work on that fact in our thinking first. And from there humble ourselves, to fear God and find His answers to our situations. Then He will teach us His Ways, and then we can keep them.

And if you really keep them and stop leaning to your own understanding then you will experience His loving kindnesses lifelong!

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God's kindness to lead you to repentance

"This is the way, walk in it"

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There are conditions to continuing to experience the enduring love of the LORD, the lifelong prosperity He holds out for those who keep His covenant (in Christ) and fear Him.

Often liberals and the backslidden say 'how could such and such happen if there is a loving God?'

od is Love — that is an absolute. As humans we must work on **T** that fact in our thinking first. And from there humble ourselves, to fear God and find His answers to our situations. Then He will teach us His Ways, and then we can keep them.

And if you really keep them and stop leaning to your own understanding then you will experience His loving kindnesses lifelong!

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- But earnestly desire the higher gifts. And I will show you a still more excellent way.
- **13:1** ¶ If I speak in the tongues of men and of angels, but have not love, I am a noisy gong or a clanging cymbal.
- 2 And if I have prophetic powers, and understand all mysteries and all knowledge, and if I have all faith, so as to remove mountains, but have not love, I am nothing.
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One of the men who understood what David had been through - a later chief musician, and seer, Aspah² puts these kinds of experiences like this-

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- 12 Behold, these are the wicked; always at ease, they increase in riches.
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- For all the day long I have 14 been stricken and rebuked every morning.
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One of the men who understood what David had been through - a later chief musician, and seer, Aspah² puts these kinds of experiences like this-

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