

God is love

Power shine forth his love the
earth with its cloud-capt mounta-
ins its towering forests and
cedars of Lebanon which gracefully
bow their stately heads in obedience
to the breathe of heaven - the gurgling
springs - the purling rills - the
murmuring rivulets - the bounding
brooks - the majestic river - the
mighty ocean - each all everything
is eloquent in declaring, god is love
and shall man be mute, never.

Though all earth conspire to shut
his lips, let the love of god break
forth in everlasting praises:

god is love - and this love is infinite
and it is so because it is like all
other attributes - a part of his nature
indeed he would cease to be god in
any proper sense of the word were
it less than infinite. because if it
existed in the divine nature at all
and was not infinite then it would
follow that there was a finite prin-
ciple in the nature of jehovah:

of course there would come a time when
god would not love because all finite
things must terminate. god forbid
that we should ascribe to the deity
a class of perfections which will
wear out by the lapse of years; and
which must either be renewed or new
and perhaps very different ones given

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The same reasons which show that
god is love is infinite will prove that
it is immutable and that needs not be
stated. god is love - and this love
knows no diminution - is never inactive
we have no other means of knowing
that a principle exists than that it
is in operation. Heaven earth and ocean
- men beast and creeping things - all
exhibit the love of god; and are so
many monuments of the unceasing
activity of this moral sun of the divine
perfection. as far back as history can
carry us the same principles have been
in constant operation - the same sun
has shone - the same seasons have
regularly returned and the same
profusion has crowned the labor of
man in every period. back at your
household blessed with comfort and
ease whose ever busy hands pour
down the varied and abundant blessing
of health and happiness; and it
is impossible you should not perceive
the deity as the prime source and
giver of all your blessings:
god is love - and this love is impar-
tial; and there are two very import-
ant reasons why god is impartial
and universal in his love. because
the ideas of greater or less cannot
apply to infinity; and because if
he loves anything he must love all
his works. the only reason which
can be alleged why god should not