



Treating God's Word as a Love Letter

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As His beloved children we will never fully grasp the breadth and length and depth and height of His unfathomable love (*Eph. 3:18-19*). If we would read God's Word as a love letter, how it would profit our souls!

Think of a young woman in days past, greatly in love with her fiancé who is separated from her by many miles. (This was before the days of email and other instant means of communication.) How do you suppose she would read his love letters? As soon as a letter arrives in the mail she would rip it open and quickly read it all the way through with great interest. Then she would read it again, this time very slowly. She would look at every word, pondering the meaning. Lovingly she would meditate upon every phrase and think to herself, "I wonder why he said this?" She would read every sentence many times. Even after she finishes reading the letter the content would still fill her mind with delight. She would remember what was contained in the letter and could recite most of it by heart. She would continue thinking about it throughout the day and on her bed at night.

Is this how we receive God's love letter to us?

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