

God's Promises

2 Pet 1:4 NAS

God Doesn't Change (Mal 3:6)

Gives New Heart (Ezek 36:26)

Supply all our Needs (Phil 4:19)

Promise of Wisdom (Jas 1:5)

Second Coming (John 5:28-29)

All Works for Good (Rom 8:28)

Soar on Eagle Wings (Isa 40:31)

He will Never Leave Us (Heb 13:5)

In Him we have Peace (John 16:33)

Give & it will be given (Lk 6:38)

Reap what we sow (Gal 6:7)

Forgiveness of sin (Acts 2:38)

Wipe away all tears (Rev 21:4)

Love to All Generations (Ps 100:5)

Unchanging Word (Ps 119:89)

Endless Kingdom (Ps 145:13)

Heavenly Home (John 14:3)

Unfading crown (1 Pet 5:4)

Compassion of God

WHAT IT IS.

Hebrew: [Recham] 7355; 7356. The root word is used 125 times in OT. “To caress, by implication, to love, esp to be **Compassionate.**”



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ITS COMPONENTS:

“Concern, Empathy,
Sympathy, Sensitivity,
Kindness, Leniency,
Love, Mercy,
Tenderness,
Tolerance,
Warmth.”

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1. A GIFT OF GOD

Ps 103:2 “**Bless** [Praise] the Lord,
O my soul, and forget none of
His benefits..” (1 Thes 5:18)

v4 Who **redeems** your life from the pit,
who **crowns** [honors] you
with lovingkindness
and **compassion.**”

v3 Who pardons all your **iniquities**,
who heals all your **diseases.**

Have
you faced
circumstances
that could have
cost your life?

Danger as a Kid?
Accident as Teen?
Or War, Health, Car
Accident or Real
Danger as Adult?

1 Million? 6 Million?
Awesome Victories !



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2. GOD'S NATURE

Ps 103:13 Just as a father has *compassion* on his children, so the Lord has *compassion* on those who fear Him.

Ex 34:6 The Lord passed ...and proclaimed
“The Lord, *the Lord God*, *compassionate* and gracious, slow to anger, and abounding in lovingkindness and truth.” (Neh 9:17)

COMPASSIONATE BECAUSE HE KNOWS OUR NATURE:

Ps 103:14 For *He Himself knows our frame*;
He is mindful that we are *but dust*.

FORGIVENESS



Sub 1,600 ft



Colossal Squid
7,200 ft



Sperm whale 9,800 ft



Fangtooth fish
16,400 ft



Snail fish 26,246 ft

Marianas Trench 36,070 ft



Mt Everest
29,029 ft

Mic 7:19 “You will again have **compassion** on us; you will tread our sins underfoot and hurl **All our iniquities into the depths of the sea.**”

5,000 ft
10,000 ft
15,000 ft
20,000 ft
25,000 ft
30,000 ft
35,000 ft

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3. IT'S EVERLASTING



Ps 103:15 As for man, his days are like grass; as a *flower* of the field, so he *flourishes*.

16 When the wind has passed over it, it is no more.

17 But the *lovingkindness* of the Lord *is from everlasting to everlasting* on those who fear Him, & His righteousness to *children's children*.



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4. IT'S PERSONAL

Ps 25:6 Remember, O Lord, **Your compassion** & loving kindnesses, *for they have been from of old.*

25:7 Do not **remember the sins of my youth or my transgressions**; according to Your lovingkindness **remember ME**, *for Your goodness' sake*, O Lord.



Ps 40:11 You, O Lord, will not withhold Your **compassion from Me**; Your lovingkindness and Your truth will **continually preserve Me**.

A THOUSAND TIMES I HAVE FAILED
STILL YOUR **MERCY** REMAINS.

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5. IT'S CONDITIONAL

Isa 55:7 “Let the *wicked forsake his way* and the unrighteous man his *thoughts*; and *let him return to the Lord*, and He will have *compassion* on him... for He will *abundantly pardon*.”

Joel 2:12 “Yet even now,” declares the Lord, “*Return to Me with all your heart, and with fasting, weeping and mourning*;

v13 *And rend your heart and not your garments.*” Now return to the Lord your God, *for He is gracious and compassionate, Slow to anger, abounding in lovingkindness.*”

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6. IT'S BALANCED

Love & justice are balanced regarding consistent, unrepentant sin.

Alcoholism,
Drug Abuse,
Physical abuse,
Incarceration
can impact 3-4
Generations.

Ex 34:6 “The Lord God, **compassionate** and gracious, slow to anger, and abounding in lovingkindness & truth...”

Ex 34:7a “*Who keeps lovingkindness for thousands, who forgives iniquity, transgression and sin.*”

Ex 34:7b “*Yet He will by no means leave the guilty unpunished, visiting **the iniquity of fathers** on the **children and on the grandchildren to the third and fourth generations.**”*

(The kids suffer the effects of parents' sins)

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7. IT'S UNFORGETTABLE

Isa 49:15 "Can a woman forget her nursing child & have no **Compassion** on the son of her womb? Even these may forget, *but I will not forget you.*"




16 "Behold, I have *inscribed* you on the palms of My hands."



Lam 3:22 "The Lord's loving kindnesses indeed *never cease*, for His **Compassions** *never fail*. v23 *They are new every morning*. Great is Thy faithfulness. v24 "The Lord is my portion," says my soul, "Therefore I have hope in Him."

Showing Compassion to Others



Col 3:12 “And so, as those who have been *chosen of God*, holy and beloved, *put on a heart of compassion*, kindness, humility, gentleness and patience...”

Col 3:13 *Bearing* with one another, and *forgiving* each other, whoever has a complaint against anyone; just as the Lord forgave you...”¹¹

Showing Compassion to Others

Do all the **good** you can,
In all the **ways** you can,
To all the **people** you can,
While you can. *John Wesley*



Compassion brings us to a **STOP!** And for a moment **we rise above ourselves.** *Mason Cooley, American writer*

“It is a lack of love for ourselves that inhibits our compassion toward others. If we make friends with ourselves, then there is no obstacle to opening our hearts and minds to others.” *Author Unknown.*
(Cf Mat 19:19b “Love your neighbor as yourself”)

Showing Compassion to Others



Compassion is an emotion that is a sense of shared suffering, most often combined with a desire to alleviate or reduce the suffering of another.

The Key to developing compassion is *to make it a daily practice*.
Feel tenderly toward, not superior to or *criticizing them*. (Jas 5:9)
Think the best, speak positively about them. (1 Cor 13:7; Col 4:6)
Visualize a loved one suffering the same thing, how would you feel?
If they contributed to their own suffering...*was it understandable?*
Have you made poor decisions—just in different ways? (Lk 12:48)
Desire them to be free from that suffering too. (Mat 22:39)

Showing Compassion to Others

Matt 9:13 “ But go and learn what this means, *‘I desire compassion, and not sacrifice.’*”

Mat 10:16 “Be wise as serpents and as harmless as doves.”

But if you have to err—err on the side of **compassion**.