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 WHATITIS.

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



ITS COMPONENTS:

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

Compassion of God 1. A GIFT OF GOD Have

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*.

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!

Compassion of God

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.

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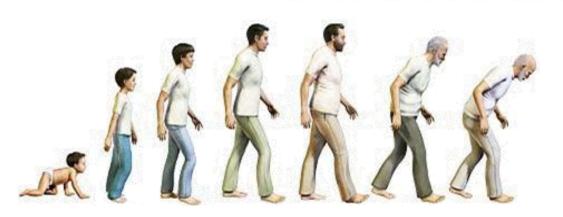


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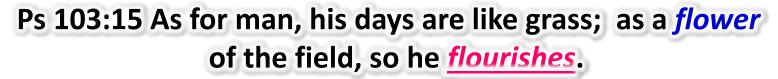
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compassion of God

3. IT'S EVERLASTING







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*.



Compassion of God 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 WERCH REMAINS.

Compassion of Goo 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."

Compassion of Good 6.IT'S BALANCED

Love & justice are balanced regarding consistent, unrepentant sin.

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)

Compassion of God

7. IT'S UNFORGETABLE

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



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.