



HESED

Mercy and Lovingkindness

**Inexpressible: The Mystery of God's Lovingkindness
Unlimited, Unconditional, Unconditioned,
& All-inclusive Love for All Creation
2 Chronicles 20:21 – Verse for 2021**

**When the person from whom I have a right to expect
nothing gives me everything!**

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Hesed: Love, lovingkindness, extravagant love, miracle love, gracious love, steadfast love, unfailing love, faithful love, covenant commitment, loyalty, merciful kindness, compassion, grace, extravagant generosity, glory, honor, active goodness, immense favor, “unlimited, unconditional, unconditioned, and all-inclusive love for all creation”

2 Chronicles 20 ²⁰ Early the next morning the army of Judah went out into the wilderness of Tekoa. On the way Jehoshaphat stopped and said, “Listen to me, all you people of Judah and Jerusalem! Believe in the Lord your God, and you will be able to stand firm. Believe in his prophets, and you will succeed.” ²¹ **After consulting the people, the king appointed singers to walk ahead of the army, singing to the Lord and praising him for his holy splendor. This is what they sang: “Give thanks to the Lord; his faithful love endures forever!”** ²² At the very moment they began to sing and give praise, the Lord caused the armies of Ammon, Moab, and Mount Seir to start fighting among themselves. NLT

Numbers 14 ¹¹ And the Lord said to Moses, “How long will these people treat me with contempt? Will they never believe me, even after all the miraculous signs I have done among them? ¹² I will disown them and destroy them with a plague. Then I will make you into a nation greater and mightier than they are!” ¹³ But Moses objected. “What will the Egyptians think when they hear about it?” he asked the Lord. “They know full well the power you displayed in rescuing your people from Egypt. ¹⁴ Now if you destroy them, the Egyptians will send a report to the inhabitants of this land, who have already heard that you live among your people. They know, Lord, that you have appeared to your people face to face and that your pillar of cloud hovers over them. They know that you go before them in the pillar of cloud by day and the pillar of fire by night. ¹⁵ Now if you slaughter all these people with a single blow, the nations that have heard of your fame will say, ¹⁶ ‘The Lord was not able to bring them into the land he swore to give them, so he killed them in the wilderness.’ ¹⁷ “Please, Lord, prove that your power is as great as you have claimed. For you said, ¹⁸ **The Lord is slow to anger and filled with unfailing love, forgiving every kind of sin and rebellion.** But he does not excuse the guilty. He lays the sins of the parents upon their children; the entire family is affected—even children in the third and fourth generations.’ ¹⁹ **In keeping with your magnificent, unfailing love, please pardon the sins of this people, just as you have forgiven them ever since they left Egypt.**” ²⁰ Then the Lord said, “I will pardon them as you have requested. ²⁸ **Now tell them this: ‘As surely as I live, declares the Lord, I will do to you the very things I heard you say.** NLT

Daniel 9 ¹ It was the first year of the reign of Darius the Mede, the son of Ahasuerus, who became king of the Babylonians. ² During the first year of his reign, I, Daniel, learned from reading the word of the Lord, as revealed to Jeremiah the prophet, that Jerusalem must lie desolate for seventy years. ³ So I turned to the Lord God and pleaded with him in prayer and fasting. I also wore rough burlap and sprinkled myself with ashes. ⁴ I prayed to the Lord my God and confessed: “O Lord, you are a great and awesome God! You always fulfill your covenant and keep your promises of **unfailing love** to those who love you and obey your commands. ⁵ But we have sinned and done wrong. We have rebelled against you and scorned your commands and regulations. ⁹ **But the Lord our God is merciful and**

forgiving, even though we have rebelled against him. ¹⁵ “O Lord our God, you brought lasting honor to your name by rescuing your people from Egypt in a great display of power. But we have sinned and are full of wickedness. ¹⁶ **In view of all your faithful mercies,** Lord, please turn your furious anger away from your city Jerusalem, your holy mountain. All the neighboring nations mock Jerusalem and your people because of our sins and the sins of our ancestors. ¹⁷ “O our God, hear your servant’s prayer! Listen as I plead. For your own sake, Lord, smile again on your desolate sanctuary. ¹⁸ “O my God, lean down and listen to me. Open your eyes and see our despair. See how your city—the city that bears your name—lies in ruins. **We make this plea, not because we deserve help, but because of your mercy.** ¹⁹ “O Lord, hear. O Lord, forgive. O Lord, listen and act! For your own sake, do not delay, O my God, for your people and your city bear your name.” ²⁰ I went on praying and confessing my sin and the sin of my people, pleading with the Lord my God for Jerusalem, his holy mountain. ²¹ As I was praying, Gabriel, whom I had seen in the earlier vision, came swiftly to me at the time of the evening sacrifice. ²² He explained to me, “Daniel, I have come here to give you insight and understanding. ²³ **The moment you began praying, a command was given. And now I am here to tell you what it was, for you are very precious to God.** Listen carefully so that you can understand the meaning of your vision. ²⁴ “A period of seventy sets of seven has been decreed for your people and your holy city to finish their rebellion, to put an end to their sin, to atone for their guilt, to bring in everlasting righteousness, to confirm the prophetic vision, and to anoint the Most Holy Place. NLT

Mark 10 ⁴² So Jesus called them together and said, “You know that the rulers in this world lord it over their people, and officials flaunt their authority over those under them. ⁴³ But among you it will be different. **Whoever wants to be a leader among you must be your servant,** ⁴⁴ and whoever wants to be first among you must be the slave of everyone else. ⁴⁵ For even the Son of Man came not to be served but to serve others and to give his life as a ransom for many.” ⁴⁶ Then they reached **Jericho,** and as Jesus and his disciples left town, a large crowd followed him. A blind beggar named Bartimaeus (son of Timaeus) was sitting beside the road. ⁴⁷ When **Bartimaeus** heard that Jesus of Nazareth was nearby, he **began to shout, “Jesus, Son of David, have mercy on me!”** ⁴⁸ “Be quiet!” many of the people yelled at him. But he only shouted louder, **“Son of David, have mercy on me!”** ⁴⁹ **When Jesus heard him, he stopped and said, “Tell him to come here.”** So they called the blind man. “Cheer up,” they said. “Come on, he’s calling you!” ⁵⁰ Bartimaeus threw aside his coat, jumped up, and came to Jesus. ⁵¹ **“What do you want me to do for you?” Jesus asked.** “My Rabbi,” the blind man said, **“I want to see!”** ⁵² **And Jesus said to him, “Go, for your faith has healed you.”** Instantly the man could see, and he followed Jesus down the road. NLT

Matthew 5 ⁷ “How satisfied you are when you demonstrate **tender mercy!** For **tender mercy** will be demonstrated to you. TPT - ⁷ God blesses those who are merciful, for they will be shown mercy. NLT

Luke 18 ⁹ Then **Jesus told this story to some who had great confidence in their own righteousness and scorned everyone else:** ¹⁰ “Two men went to the Temple to pray. One was a Pharisee, and the other was a despised tax collector. ¹¹ The Pharisee stood by himself and prayed this prayer: ‘I thank you, God, that I am not like other people—cheaters, sinners, adulterers. I’m certainly not like that tax collector!’ ¹² I fast twice a week, and I give you a tenth of my income.’ ¹³ **But the tax collector stood at a distance and dared not even lift his eyes to heaven as he prayed. Instead, he beat his chest in sorrow, saying, ‘O God, be merciful to me, for I am a sinner.’** ¹⁴ **I tell you, this sinner, not the Pharisee, returned home justified before God. For those who exalt themselves will be humbled, and those who humble themselves will be exalted.**” ¹⁵ One day some parents brought their little children to Jesus so he could touch and bless them. But when the disciples saw this, they scolded the parents for bothering him. ¹⁶ Then Jesus called for the children and said to the disciples, “Let the children come to me. Don’t stop them! For the Kingdom of God belongs to those who are like these children. ¹⁷ I tell you the truth, anyone who doesn’t receive the Kingdom of God like a child will never enter it.” NLT