

The Wonder of Forgiveness

God's Answer to Sin

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God's answer...

Isa 55

Involves...

- **a covenant** (“the sure mercies of David”)
- **forgiveness** of sin
- **God's character** (“mercy”, “sure”, and “mercies” are all characteristics of Yahweh)

God's answer...

Exodus 34:6-7

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rachamim (plural) “bowels” or “womb”,
“tender mercies”

Isa. 49:15; 54:7,8,10; Neh. 9:9,27,28; Jer 12:15;
13:14; 33:26

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Psalm 103: 13-14

“Like as a father **pitieth** his children, so Yahweh **pitieth** them that fear him. For he knoweth our frame; he remembereth that we are dust.”

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Isa. 55:7

“Let the wicked forsake his way, and the unrighteous man his thoughts: and let him return unto Yahweh, and he will **have mercy** upon him; and to our God, for he will abundantly pardon.”

God's answer...

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merciful Heb. *rachum* = “compassionate”

Psalms 51:1

“Have **mercy** upon me, O God, according to thy lovingkindness: according unto the multitude of thy **tender mercies** blot out my transgressions.”

God's answer...

Exodus 34:6-7

gracious Heb. *channun*

From *chanan* = “to bend, or stoop in kindness to an inferior, to favour, to bestow or give”.

E.g. Exodus 22:27; Psalm 86:1-3, 16; 123:2-3

God's answer...

Exodus 34:6-7

gracious Heb. channun = “bend or stoop to needy, be kind, give.”

Psalm 86:1–3

“Bow down thine ear, O LORD, hear me: for I am poor and needy. Preserve my soul; for I am holy: O thou my God, save thy servant that trusteth in thee. Be **merciful** unto me, O Lord: for I cry unto thee daily.”

God's answer...

Exodus 34:6-7

longsuffering Heb. compound:

a) *erek* = “draw out, long, slow”

b) *'aph* = “a breathing place, nose, thus: hard breathing through the nose, anger.”

Thus: “slow to anger”

Eg. Isa. 48:9; Num. 14:18; 2Pet. 3:9-15

God's answer...

Exodus 34:6-7

longsuffering Heb. erek 'aph = "slow to anger"

Isaiah 48:9

"For my name's sake will I **defer mine anger**, and for my praise will I refrain for thee, that I cut thee not off."

God's answer...

Exodus 34:6-7

goodness & truth Heb:

a) goodness *chesed* = “loyalty, covenant mercy”

b) truth *emeth* = “stability, certainty, truth, trustworthiness, faithfulness”

Gen. 47:29; 20:13; 2Sam.2:5

God's Answer...

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goodness & truth

Associated with Covenant:

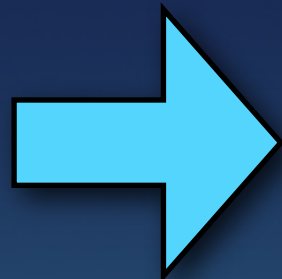
Psalms 89:1-4, 13-14, 28-49; 51:1; 32:1-2, 5-7

Forgives sins:

Exodus 34:7; Mic. 7:18-20

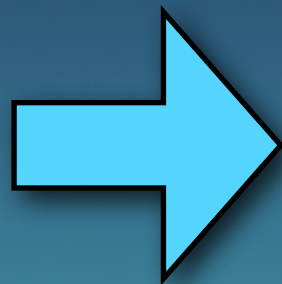
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Chesed

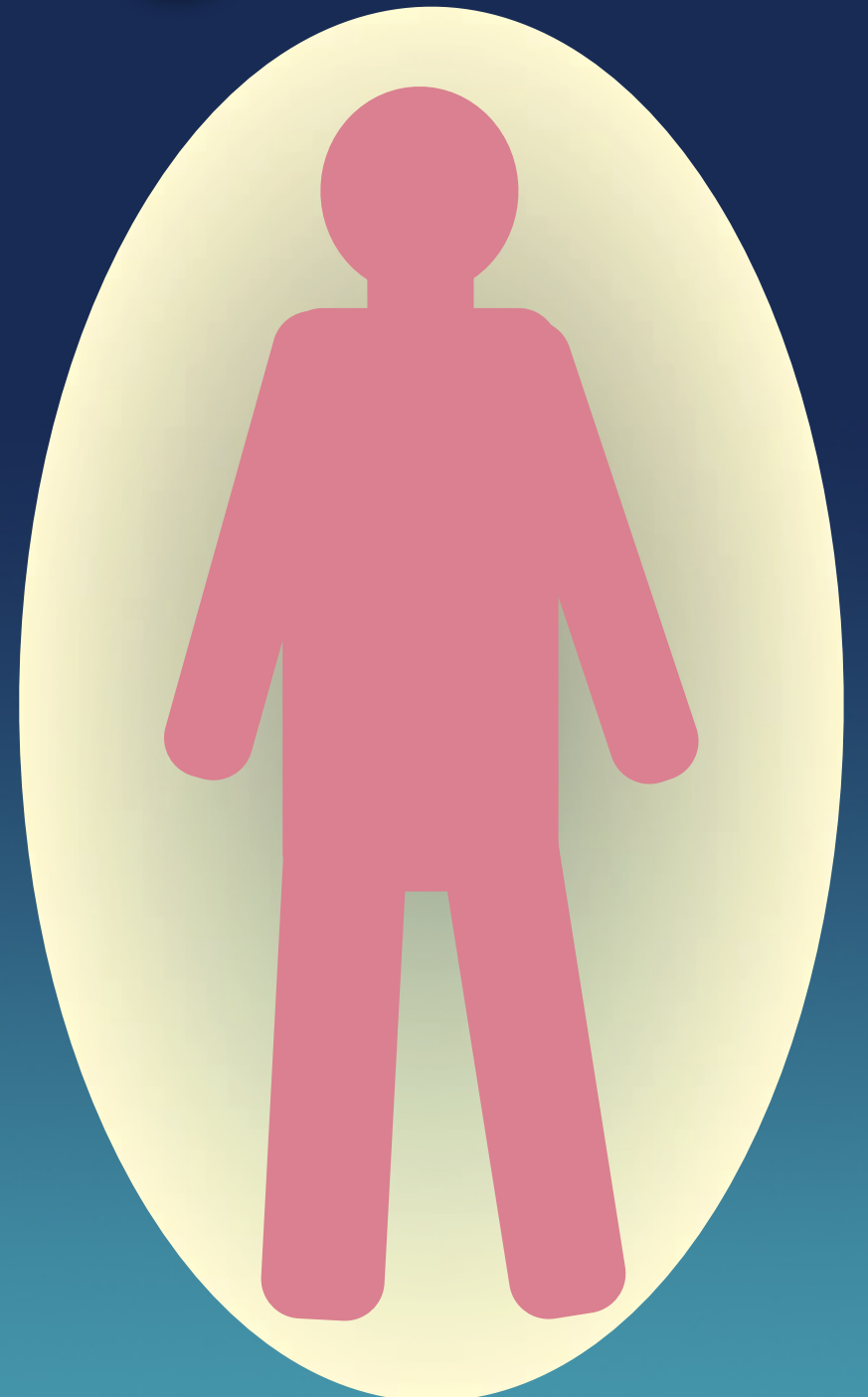


Forgives

Truth



Righteousness



Three OT representative words for sin

- ‘sin’ *chatta* = to miss the mark
- ‘transgression’ *pesha* = rebellion
- ‘iniquity’ *avon* = perversion

Chesed forgives ALL these!

God's grace

Verse 6

- Compassion
- Graciousness
- Longsuffering
- Covenant mercy
- Truth

Verse 7



God's plan involved...

- Sacrifice
- Begetting a son

Covenant requires sacrifice

Psalm 50: 5

“Gather my saints together unto me; those that have made a covenant with me **by sacrifice.**”

- **saints** = *chasid* (translated saints, holy, godly), refers to those in covenant relationship
- **made** = *karath* = “cut (a covenant)”

God's love

Exodus 34:6–7

Yahweh

- Compassion
- Graciousness
- Longsuffering
- Covenant mercy
- Truth

1 John 4: 8, 16

God

is

love



God is Love

Compassion:

1 John 3:17

“Whoso hath this world’s good, and seeth his brother have need, and shutteth up his *bowels of compassion* from him, how dwelleth the **love** of God in him?”

God is Love

Gracious:

John 3:16

“For God so **loved** the world that he **gave** his only begotten son...For God sent not his son into the world to condemn the world; but that the world through him might be saved.”

God is Love

Longsuffering

I Cor. 13:4

“**Love** suffereth long and is kind...”

God is Love

Col. 3:12-14

“Put on therefore, as the elect of God, holy and beloved, **bowels of mercies, kindness,** humbleness of mind, meekness, **longsuffering;** Forbearing one another, and **forgiving** one another...And above [over] all these things put on **love**, which is the bond of perfectness.”

Covenant love

Romans 8:39

“...the love of God, which is in
Christ Jesus our Lord.”

God's answer to sin

chesed

**The Covenant
Love of God
in
CHRIST**

Graciousness Compassion
Longsuffering
Covenant mercy
Truth

by no
means
clear
the
guilty

Condemnation

Without
Hope

DEATH

Covenant love is conditional

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