



HESED

Mercy and Lovingkindness

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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Exodus 34 ⁵ Then the LORD came down in a cloud and stood there with him; and **he called out his own name, Yahweh.** ⁶ The LORD passed in front of Moses, calling out, “**Yahweh! The LORD! The God of compassion and mercy! I am slow to anger and filled with unfailing love and faithfulness.** NLT ...**abounding in lovingkindness and truth.** AMP

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”

James 2 ¹³ There will be no mercy for those who have not shown mercy to others. But **if you have been merciful, God will be merciful when he judges you.** NLT - ^{13b} Mercy triumphs over judgment.

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 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 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. 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

Luke 1 ⁴⁵ **You are blessed because you believed that the Lord would do what he said.** NLT

Luke 15 ¹⁸ ...“Father, I was wrong. I have sinned against you. ¹⁹ **I’ll never be worthy to be called your son.** Please, Father, just treat me like one of your employees.” ²⁰ “So the young son set off for home. **From a long distance away, his father saw him coming, dressed as a beggar, and great compassion swelled up in his heart for his son** who was returning home. So the father raced out to meet him. He swept him up in his arms, **hugged him dearly, and kissed him over and over with tender love.** ²¹ “Then the son said, ‘Father, I was wrong. I have sinned against you. **I could never deserve to be called your son.** Just let me be—’ “The father interrupted and said, ‘Son, you’re home now!’ ²² “Turning to his servants, the father said, ‘Quick, bring me the best robe, my very own robe, and I will place it on his shoulders. **Bring the ring, the seal of sonship, and I will put it on his finger.** And bring out the best shoes you can find for my son.’ ²³ **Let’s prepare a great feast and celebrate.** ²⁴ **For this beloved son of mine was once dead, but now he’s alive again.** Once he was lost, but now he is found!’ And everyone celebrated with overflowing joy. TPT

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