



HESED

What Do You Want Me To Do For You? Mercy and Lovingkindness 2 Chronicles 20:21 – Verse for 2021

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

Micah 6 ⁸ He has shown you, O man, what *is* good; And what does the LORD require of you But **to do justly, To love mercy, And to walk humbly with your God?** NKJV

Micah 7 ¹⁸ Who *is* a God like You, Pardoning iniquity And passing over the transgression of the remnant of His heritage? He does not retain His anger forever, **Because He delights in mercy.** ¹⁹ He will again have compassion on us, And will subdue our iniquities. **You will cast all our sins into the depths of the sea.** NKJV

In Jesus of Nazareth, the embodiment of hesed, God was perfectly just and perfectly merciful. Through Jesus He fulfilled the promise to not leave the guilty unpunished by placing that punishment on Jesus in an act of pure and perfect hesed. Jesus did justice by loving hesed. He gave Himself so that we might be conquered by the kindness of God, a kindness that leads us to repentance, that draws us to the cross. That moment in time makes doubting the lovingkindness of God impossible. We must become *hasid*, **men and women who are completely dependent on the hesed of God,** conquered by His kindness, reborn to a life of unconditional love. *Quotes from: “Inexpressible: Hesed and the Mystery of God’s Lovingkindness Hesed by Michael Card – Pgs 134 & 138*

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 unending love and faithfulness.** NLT

Numbers 14 ¹⁸ **“The Lord is slow to anger and filled with unending 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, unending 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

2 Chronicles 20 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!”** NLT

Daniel 9 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.** 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." NLT

Mark 10 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

1 John 5 ¹³ I've written this letter to you who believe in the name of the Son of God so that you will *be assured and* know without a doubt that you have eternal life. ¹⁴ Since we have this confidence, we can also have great boldness before him, for if we present any request agreeable to his will, he will hear us. ¹⁵ And if we know that he hears us in whatever we ask, we also know that we have obtained the requests we ask of him. TPT

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

Luke 15 ¹⁵ So he begged a farmer in that country to hire him. The farmer hired him and sent him out to feed the pigs. ¹⁶ The son was so famished, he was willing to even eat the slop given to the pigs, because no one would feed him a thing. ¹⁷ "Humiliated, the son finally realized what he was doing and he thought, 'There are many workers at my father's house who have all the food they want with plenty to spare. They lack nothing. Why am I here dying of hunger, feeding these pigs and eating their slop?' ¹⁸ I want to go back home to my father's house, and I'll say to him, '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

Luke 12 ³² "Do not fear, little flock, for it is your Father's good pleasure to give you the kingdom. NKJV - ³² "So don't be afraid, little flock. For **it gives your Father great happiness to give you the Kingdom.** NLT