

# Loving Kindness

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*Loving Kindness is about kindness born out of love. While it contains the ideas of faithfulness and loyalty; it is not the result of covenant promises but rather a free expression of love. He loves me and He doesn't have to be kind to me, but He chooses to treat me kindly because He loves me. Go figure. "Mercy" is closely connected to this wonderful word and is often paired with it in Scripture. In Immanuel sessions as well as walking with Him in life, I have come to know His loving kindness which still is hard to understand and accept knowing my undeservedness. But then again, He does whatever He wants to do, but He owes me nothing.*

Studies included in this article are: Loving Kindness; Loving Kindnesses; Kind (God); Kindness of God; Kind (People); Kindness of People; Kindly

For more information on this topic, please see: "His Tender Care"; All You Need Is Love"; "Love of God"; "Merciful God"; "Mercy Mercy"

## Loving Kindness

Psalms 17:7 Show Your marvelous [loving kindness](#) by Your right hand, O You who save those who trust in You From those who rise up *against them*.

Psalms 26:3 For Your [loving kindness](#) is before my eyes, And I have walked in Your truth.

Psalms 36:7 How precious is Your [loving kindness](#), O God! Therefore the children of men put their trust under the shadow of Your wings.

Psalms 36:10 Oh, continue Your [loving kindness](#) to those who know You, And Your righteousness to the upright in heart.

Psalms 40:10 I have not hidden Your righteousness within my heart; I have declared Your faithfulness and Your salvation; I have not concealed Your [loving kindness](#) and Your truth From the great assembly.

Psalms 40:11 Do not withhold Your tender mercies from me, O LORD; Let Your [loving kindness](#) and Your truth continually preserve me.

Psalms 42:8 The LORD will command His [loving kindness](#) in the daytime, And in the night His song *shall be* with me—A prayer to the God of my life.

Psalms 48:9 We have thought, O God, on Your [loving kindness](#), In the midst of Your temple.

Psalms 51:1 To the Chief Musician. A Psalm of David when Nathan the prophet went to him, after he had gone in to Bathsheba. Have mercy upon me, O God, According to Your [loving kindness](#); According to the multitude of Your tender mercies, Blot out my transgressions.

Psalms 63:3 Because Your [loving kindness](#) *is* better than life, My lips shall praise You.

Psalms 69:16 Hear me, O LORD, for Your [loving kindness](#) *is* good; Turn to me according to the multitude of Your tender mercies.

Psalms 88:11 Shall Your [loving kindness](#) be declared in the grave? *Or* Your faithfulness in the place of destruction?

Psalms 89:33 Nevertheless My [loving kindness](#) I will not utterly take from him, Nor allow My faithfulness to fail.

Psalms 92:2 To declare Your [loving kindness](#) in the morning, And Your faithfulness every night,

Psalms 103:4 Who redeems your life from destruction, Who crowns you with [loving kindness](#) and tender mercies,

Psalms 107:43 Whoever *is* wise will observe these *things*, And they will understand the [loving kindness](#) of the LORD.

Psalms 119:88 Revive me according to Your [loving kindness](#), So that I may keep the testimony of Your mouth.

Psalms 119:149 Hear my voice according to Your [loving kindness](#); O LORD, revive me according to Your justice.

Psalms 119:159 Consider how I love Your precepts; Revive me, O LORD, according to Your [loving kindness](#).

Psalms 138:2 I will worship toward Your holy temple, And praise Your name For Your [loving kindness](#) and Your truth; For You have magnified Your word above all Your name.

Psalms 143:8 Cause me to hear Your [loving kindness](#) in the morning, For in You do I trust; Cause me to know the way in which I should walk, For I lift up my soul to You.

Psalms 144:2 My [loving kindness](#) and my fortress, My high tower and my deliverer, My shield and *the One* in whom I take refuge, Who subdues my people under me.

Proverbs 20:28 Mercy and truth preserve the king, And by [loving kindness](#) he upholds his throne.

Jeremiah 9:24 But let him who glories glory in this, That he understands and knows Me, That I *am* the LORD, exercising [loving kindness](#), judgment, and righteousness in the earth. For in these I delight," says the LORD.

Jeremiah 16:5 For thus says the LORD: "Do not enter the house of mourning, nor go to lament or bemoan them; for I have taken away My peace from this people," says the LORD, "[loving kindness](#) and mercies.

Jeremiah 31:3 The LORD has appeared of old to me, *saying*: "Yes, I have loved you with an everlasting love; Therefore with [loving kindness](#) I have drawn you.

Jeremiah 32:18 'You show [loving kindness](#) to thousands, and repay the iniquity of the fathers into the bosom of their children after them—the Great, the Mighty God, whose name *is* the LORD of hosts.

Hosea 2:19 "I will betroth you to Me forever; Yes, I will betroth you to Me In righteousness and justice, In [loving kindness](#) and mercy;

Jonah 4:2 So he prayed to the LORD, and said, "Ah, LORD, was not this what I said when I was still in my country? Therefore I fled previously to Tarshish; for I know that You *are* a gracious and merciful God, slow to anger and abundant in [loving kindness](#), One who relents from doing harm.

## Loving Kindnesses

Psalms 25:6 Remember, O LORD, Your tender mercies and Your [loving kindnesses](#), For they *are* from of old.

Psalms 89:49 Lord, where *are* Your former [loving kindnesses](#), *Which* You swore to David in Your truth?

Isaiah 63:7 I will mention the [loving kindnesses](#) of the LORD *And* the praises of the LORD, According to all that the LORD has bestowed on us, And the great goodness toward the house of Israel, Which He has bestowed on them according to His mercies, According to the multitude of His [loving kindnesses](#).

## Kind (God)

Luke 6:35 But love your enemies, do good, and lend, hoping for nothing in return; and your reward will be great, and you will be sons of the Most High. For He is [kind](#) to the unthankful and evil.

1 Corinthians 13:4 Love suffers long *and* is [kind](#); love does not envy; love does not parade itself, is not puffed up.

Ephesians 4:32 And be [kind](#) to one another, tenderhearted, forgiving one another, just as God in Christ forgave you.

## Kindness of God

Genesis 24:12 Then he said, "O LORD God of my master Abraham, please give me success this day, and show [kindness](#) to my master Abraham."

Genesis 24:14 Now let it be that the young woman to whom I say, 'Please let down your pitcher that I may drink,' and she says, 'Drink, and I will also give your camels a drink' —*let her be the one* You have appointed for Your servant Isaac. And by this I will know that You have shown [kindness](#) to my master.

Ruth 2:20 Then Naomi said to her daughter-in-law, "Blessed *be* he of the LORD, who has not forsaken His [kindness](#) to the living and the dead!" And Naomi said to her, "This man *is* a relation of ours, one of our close relatives."

1 Samuel 20:14 And you shall not only show me the [kindness](#) of the LORD while I still live, that I may not die.

2 Samuel 2:6 And now may the LORD show [kindness](#) and truth to you. I also will repay you this [kindness](#), because you have done this thing.

1 Kings 3:6 And Solomon said: "You have shown great mercy to Your servant David my father, because he walked before You in truth, in righteousness, and in uprightness of heart with You; You have continued this great [kindness](#) for him, and You have given him a son to sit on his throne, as *it is* this day.

Nehemiah 9:17 They refused to obey, And they were not mindful of Your wonders That You did among them. But they hardened their necks, And in their rebellion They appointed a leader To return to their bondage. But You *are* God, Ready to pardon, Gracious and merciful, Slow to anger, Abundant in [kindness](#), And did not forsake them.

Psalms 31:21 Blessed *be* the LORD, For He has shown me His marvelous [kindness](#) in a strong city!

Psalms 117:2 For His merciful [kindness](#) is great toward us, And the truth of the LORD *endures* forever. Praise the LORD!

Psalms 119:76 Let, I pray, Your merciful [kindness](#) be for my comfort, According to Your word to Your servant.

Isaiah 54:8 With a little wrath I hid My face from you for a moment; But with everlasting [kindness](#) I will have mercy on you," Says the LORD, your Redeemer.

Isaiah 54:10 For the mountains shall depart And the hills be removed, But My [kindness](#) shall not depart from you, Nor shall My covenant of peace be removed," Says the LORD, who has mercy on you.

Jeremiah 2:2 Go and cry in the hearing of Jerusalem, saying, "Thus says the LORD: "I remember you, The [kindness](#) of your youth, The love of your betrothal, When you went after Me in the wilderness, In a land not sown.

Joel 2:13 So rend your heart, and not your garments; Return to the LORD your God, For He *is* gracious and merciful, Slow to anger, and of great [kindness](#); And He relents from doing harm.

Galatians 5:22-23 But the fruit of the Spirit is love, joy, peace, longsuffering, [kindness](#), goodness, faithfulness, gentleness, self-control. Against such there is no law.

Ephesians 2:7 That in the ages to come He might show the exceeding riches of His grace in *His* [kindness](#) toward us in Christ Jesus.

Titus 3:4 But when the [kindness](#) and the love of God our Savior toward man appeared.

## **Kind (People)**

Judges 21:22 Then it shall be, when their fathers or their brothers come to us to complain, that we will say to them, 'Be [kind](#) to them for our sakes, because we did not take a wife for any of them in the war; for *it is* not *as though* you have given the *women* to them at this time, making yourselves guilty of your oath.'

2 Chronicles 10:7 And they spoke to him, saying, "If you are [kind](#) to these people, and please them, and speak good words to them, they will be your servants forever."

## Kindness of People

Genesis 20:13 And it came to pass, when God caused me to wander from my father's house, that I said to her, "This *is* your [kindness](#) that you should do for me: in every place, wherever we go, say of me, "He *is* my brother.

Genesis 21:23 Now therefore, swear to me by God that you will not deal falsely with me, with my offspring, or with my posterity; but that according to the [kindness](#) that I have done to you, you will do to me and to the land in which you have dwelt.

Genesis 40:14 But remember me when it is well with you, and please show [kindness](#) to me; make mention of me to Pharaoh, and get me out of this house.

Joshua 2:12 Now therefore, I beg you, swear to me by the LORD, since I have shown you [kindness](#), that you also will show [kindness](#) to my father's house, and give me a true token.

Judges 8:35 Nor did they show [kindness](#) to the house of Jerubbaal (Gideon) in accordance with the good he had done for Israel.

Ruth 3:10 Then he said, "Blessed *are* you of the LORD, my daughter! For you have shown more [kindness](#) at the end than at the beginning, in that you did not go after young men, whether poor or rich.

1 Samuel 15:6 Then Saul said to the Kenites, "Go, depart, get down from among the Amalekites, lest I destroy you with them. For you showed [kindness](#) to all the children of Israel when they came up out of Egypt." So the Kenites departed from among the Amalekites.

1 Samuel 20:15 But you shall not cut off your [kindness](#) from my house forever, no, not when the LORD has cut off every one of the enemies of David from the face of the earth.

2 Samuel 2:5 So David sent messengers to the men of Jabesh Gilead, and said to them, "You *are* blessed of the LORD, for you have shown this [kindness](#) to your lord, to Saul, and have buried him.

2 Samuel 9:1 Now David said, "Is there still anyone who is left of the house of Saul, that I may show him [kindness](#) for Jonathan's sake?"

2 Samuel 9:3 Then the king said, "Is there not still someone of the house of Saul, to whom I may show the [kindness](#) of God?" And Ziba said to the king, "There is still a son of Jonathan *who is* lame in *his* feet."

2 Samuel 9:7 So David said to him, "Do not fear, for I will surely show you [kindness](#) for Jonathan your father's sake, and will restore to you all the land of Saul your grandfather; and you shall eat bread at my table continually."

2 Samuel 10:2 Then David said, "I will show [kindness](#) to Hanun the son of Nahash, as his father showed [kindness](#) to me." So David sent by the hand of his servants to comfort him concerning his father. And David's servants came into the land of the people of Ammon.

1 Kings 2:7 But show [kindness](#) to the sons of Barzillai the Gileadite, and let them be among those who eat at your table, for so they came to me when I fled from Absalom your brother.

1 Chronicles 19:2 Then David said, "I will show [kindness](#) to Hanun the son of Nahash, because his father showed [kindness](#) to me." So David sent messengers to comfort him concerning his father. And David's servants came to Hanun in the land of the people of Ammon to comfort him.

2 Chronicles 24:22 Thus Joash the king did not remember the [kindness](#) which Jehoiada his father had done to him, but killed his son; and as he died, he said, "The LORD look on *it*, and repay!"

Job 6:14 To him who is afflicted, [kindness](#) *should be shown* by his friend, Even though he forsakes the fear of the Almighty.

Psalms 141:5 Let the righteous strike me; *It shall be* a [kindness](#). And let him rebuke me; *It shall be* as excellent oil; Let my head not refuse it. For still my prayer *is* against the deeds of the wicked.

Proverbs 19:22 What is desired in a man is [kindness](#), And a poor man is better than a liar.

Proverbs 31:26 She opens her mouth with wisdom, And on her tongue *is* the law of [kindness](#).

Acts 28:2 And the natives showed us unusual [kindness](#); for they kindled a fire and made us all welcome, because of the rain that was falling and because of the cold.

2 Corinthians 6:4-10 But in all *things* we commend ourselves as ministers of God: in much patience, in tribulations, in needs, in distresses, in stripes, in imprisonments, in tumults, in labors, in sleeplessness, in fastings; by purity, by knowledge, by longsuffering, [by kindness](#), by the Holy Spirit, by sincere love, by the word of truth, by the power of God, by the armor of righteousness on the right hand and on the left, by honor and dishonor, by evil report and good report; as deceivers, and *yet* true; as unknown, and *yet* well known; as dying, and behold we live; as chastened, and *yet* not killed; as sorrowful, yet always rejoicing; as poor, yet making many rich; as having nothing, and *yet* possessing all things.

Colossians 3:12-13 Therefore, as *the* elect of God, holy and beloved, put on tender mercies, [kindness](#), humility, meekness, longsuffering; bearing with one another, and forgiving one another, if anyone has a complaint against another; even as Christ forgave you, so you also *must do*.

2 Peter 1:7 To godliness brotherly [kindness](#), and to brotherly [kindness](#) love.

## Kindly

Genesis 24:49 Now if you [Laban and Bethuel] will deal [kindly](#) and truly with my master [Abraham], tell me. And if not, tell me, that I may turn to the right hand or to the left.

Genesis 34:3 His soul was strongly attracted to Dinah the daughter of Jacob, and he [Shechem] loved the young woman and spoke [kindly](#) to the young woman.

Genesis 47:29 When the time drew near that Israel must die, he called his son Joseph and said to him, "Now if I have found favor in your sight, please put your hand under my thigh, and deal [kindly](#) and truly with me. Please do not bury me in Egypt."

Genesis 50:21 "Now therefore, do not be afraid; I [Joseph] will provide for you [his brothers] and your little ones." And he comforted them and spoke [kindly](#) to them.

Joshua 2:14 So the men [two spies sent to scout out Jericho] answered her, "Our lives for yours, if none of you tell this business of ours. And it shall be, when the LORD has given us the land that we will deal [kindly](#) and truly with you [Rahab and her family]."

Judges 19:3 Then her husband [Levite from Ephraim] arose and went after her, to speak kindly to her [unfaithful wife from Bethlehem] *and* bring her back, having his servant and a couple of donkeys with him. So she brought him into her father's house; and when the father of the young woman saw him, he was glad to meet him.

Ruth 1:8 And Naomi said to her two daughters-in-law, "Go, return each to her mother's house. The LORD deal kindly with you, as you have dealt with the dead and with me."

Ruth 2:13 Then she [Ruth] said, "Let me find favor in your sight, my lord [Boaz]; for you have comforted me, and have spoken kindly to your maidservant, though I am not like one of your maidservants."

1 Samuel 20:8 Therefore you [David] shall deal kindly with your servant [Jonathan], for you have brought your servant into a covenant of the LORD with you. Nevertheless, if there is iniquity in me, kill me yourself, for why should you bring me to your father?

2 Samuel 13:24 Then Absalom came to the king [David] and said, "Kindly note, your servant has sheepshearers; please, let the king and his servants go with your servant."

2 Kings 25:28 He [Evil-Merodach, King of Babylon] spoke kindly to him [Jehoiachin, King of Judah], and gave him a more prominent seat than those of the kings who *were* with him in Babylon.

Job 39:13 The wings of the ostrich wave proudly, But are her wings and pinions *like the* kindly stork's?

Proverbs 26:25 When he [he who hates] speaks kindly, do not believe him, For *there are* seven abominations in his heart.

Jeremiah 52:32 And he [Evil-Merodach, King of Babylon] spoke kindly to him [Jehoiachin, King of Judah] and gave him a more prominent seat than those of the kings who *were* with him in Babylon.

Acts 27:3 And the next *day* we landed at Sidon. And Julius treated Paul kindly and gave *him* liberty to go to his friends and receive care.

Romans 12:10 *Be* kindly affectionate to one another with brotherly love, in honor giving preference to one another.

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