

APPLICATION:

TEXT: Ephesians 2:4

TITLE: "God is Merciful!" (part 3) (Series: Attributes of God)

*** In the New Testament, we have this word:**

Eleos (ἔλεος, ἐλέους, τό) "mercy; kindness or good will toward the miserable and afflicted, joined with a desire to relieve them" (THAYER).

*** In the Old Testament, we were studying:**

Rahum (adjective) "compassionate;—always of God" (BDB).

But, there are other words in this word-group:

Rahamim (noun) "compassion"

Raham (verb) "love, have compassion"

→ *These words are related to the word for "womb."*

*****As a mother shows such tenderness, compassion and mercy to her children, so God is compassionate toward His creation and His children!**

1. God is Merciful to G _____ B _____

*** Psalm 103:1-5**

A. He F _____—vs. 3a

B. He Heals—vs. 3b

→ NOTE: Exodus 15:26d

→ Psalm 147:3

→ Jeremiah 17:14

C. He Redeems—vs. 4a

D. He C _____—vs. 4b

(Graces, Honors, Bestows, Blesses)

1. With Lovingkindness/Loyal Love/Hesed

2. With Tender Mercies/Compassion

E. He Satisfies—vs. 5

1. One's Life/Mouth with Good —vs. 5a

→ James 1:17—Good things come from God!

2. One's Energy/Vitality/Purposes—vs. 5b
(Like an eagle getting new feathers and renewed ability to fly, to soar!)

2. God is Merciful to W_____ W_____

* Psalm 103:6-10

A. He Brings Justice to the Oppressed—vs. 6
(He delivered Israel from Egypt.)

B. He Revealed Himself to Moses and Israel—vs. 7

**C. He is Described with Overflowing Goodness—
vs. 8**

1. Merciful/Compassionate (Rahum)
2. Gracious (Hannun)
3. Slow to Anger (Longsuffering = Long of Nose)
4. Great in Mercy (Hesed)

D. He Will Not Strive/Convict/Sue Forever—vs. 9a

E. He Will Not Be Angry Forever—vs. 9b

- Isaiah 57:16
- Jeremiah 3:5, 12

F. He Has Not Paid Us As Our Sins Deserve—vs. 10

1. Not Paid according to Our Sins—vs. 10a
2. Not Punished us according to Our Iniquities—vs. 10b

3. God Is Merciful to Treat Us as His

C_____
* Psalm 103:11-14

A. His Loyal Love is I_____—vs. 11

1. Heavens are so high above the earth—vs. 11a
2. His Loyal Love is without Limit—vs. 11b
(to His people who fear Him!)

B. His Forgiveness is U_____—vs. 12

1. Distance always exists between east and west—
vs. 12a
2. Our Transgressions have been moved far, far
away from us!!

- Isaiah 38:17
- Jeremiah 31:33-34

**C. His Compassion is F_____ -like—vss. 13-
14**

1. It is natural for a father to show compassion to
his children
 2. The LORD (Yahweh) shows compassion/mercy/
pity to His children
- NOTE: Here the verb form (Raham) is used
3. He understands all about us—vs. 14a
 4. He knows all about our origin, our creation, our
frailty