

→ Forgiveness is plural = “forgivenesses”

2. Gracious—17g

3. Compassionate—17g

4. Slow to Anger (Longsuffering)—17h

5. Abundant in Kindness—17i

6. You “Did Not Forsake Them”—17j

\*C. God’s G \_\_\_\_\_ Demonstrates His  
Longsuffering—9:25e-f

## APPLICATION:

→ *Evidence # 5 for God’s Long-Suffering is how kindly  
He has dealt with you and me!*

1. *Have you ever noticed that we desire Justice for those who wrong us, but MERCY when we sin against God?*
2. *I want God to be quick to judge the sins of others but long-suffering in dealing with mine.*
3. *God’s patience and long-suffering do have a limit.*
4. *Faithlessness grieves Him—Believe Him! Believe the Gospel! God has patiently borne with you until now. Come to Christ today!*
5. **God’s longsuffering moves Him to overwhelm with goodness and undeserved kindness those who have disregarded and abused Him.**
6. **God’s longsuffering disciplines but does not forsake His own disobedient children.**

**TEXT: Exodus 34:6**

**TITLE: “God is Long-suffering!” (part 2)  
(Series: Attributes of God)**

→ **Evidence for God’s Long-Suffering**

The English word long-suffering means as an adjective, “bearing injuries, insults, trouble, etc. patiently for a long time” and as a noun, “long and patient endurance of injuries, insults, trouble, etc.”

The Hebrew expression for “long-suffering” is **רֵעֵךְ רַאפָּאִיִּם** = long of nose = “slow of anger”.

## 1. The LORD’S S \_\_\_\_\_ -Description

Exodus 34:6-7

And the LORD passed before him and proclaimed, “The LORD, the LORD God, merciful and gracious, longsuffering, and abounding in goodness and truth, who keeps lovingkindness for thousands, who forgives iniquity, transgression and sin; yet He will by no means leave *the guilty* unpunished, visiting the iniquity of fathers on the children and on the grandchildren to the third and fourth generations.”

## 2. David’s S \_\_\_\_\_ Testimony

Psalms 86:15

But You, O Lord, *are* a God full of compassion, and gracious, Longsuffering and abundant in mercy and truth.

Psalms 103:8

The LORD *is* merciful and gracious, Slow to anger, and abounding in mercy.

Psalms 145:8-9

The LORD *is* gracious and full of compassion, Slow to anger and great in mercy.  
The LORD *is* good to all,  
And His tender mercies *are* over all His works.

**A. Long-Suffering among Amazing Attributes**

**B. Long-Suffering experienced by God’s People**

### **3. Moses' A Experience**

#### **Numbers 14:18**

The LORD is **longsuffering** and abundant in mercy, forgiving iniquity and transgression; but He by no means clears *the guilty*, visiting the iniquity of the fathers on the children to the third and fourth *generation*.'

#### **Numbers 13 & 14**

→ **NOTE: The Nation of Israel was not destroyed. God exercised great patience, but the doubters were disciplined!**

### **4. L ' Testimony in Nehemiah's 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.

→ **NOTE: The date here is about 430 years before Christ.**

→ **QUOTE: "The ninth chapter of Nehemiah is one of the most eloquent recitals of God's marvelous acts in Israel's history ... this poem is one of the great psalms in Scripture. ... A true understanding of God's merciful work on our behalf always leads to confession, worship, and renewal. Psalms like this one can help us restore a true picture of the gracious Lord we worship" (NKJV Study Bible, p. 762).**

#### **\*A. Israel's S Are Acknowledged—9:16-17f, 18**

- 1. Acted Proudly (Arrogantly, Presumptuously)—16a**
- 2. Hardened Their Necks—16b**

#### **3. Did Not Heed Your Commandments—16c**

#### **4. Refused to Obey—17a**

#### **5. Paid No Attention to Wonders in Their Midst—17b**

#### **6. Hardened Their Necks—17c**

#### **7. Rebelled—17d**

#### **8. Appointed a Leader to Return to Egypt (Bondage)—17e**

#### **9. Made a Molded Calf—18a**

#### **10. Claimed the Calf to Be "Your god"—18b**

#### **11. Credited the Calf for Deliverance from Egypt—18c**

#### **12. Disobedient—26a**

#### **13. Rebelled against God—26b**

#### **14. Cast Law behind Them—26c**

#### **15. Killed Prophets—26d**

#### **16. Worked Great Provocations—26e**

#### **\*B. God's A Are Contrasted—9:17f-l, 19b**

- 1. You are God of Forgiveness/ready to pardon—17f**