

He Was Compassionate and Merciful

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"And Jesus went about **all** the cities and villages, teaching in their synagogues, and preaching the Good-news of the Kingdom, and healing every sickness and every disease among the people. But when He saw the multitudes, He was moved with compassion for them, because they were weary, and were scattered abroad, as sheep having no shepherd. Then He said unto His disciples, 'The harvest truly is plentiful, but the laborers are few; therefore, pray you to the Lord of the Harvest, that He will send forth laborers into His harvest.'" ([Matthew 9:35-36-38](#))

"And they (Jesus & His disciples) departed unto a deserted place by boat privately. And the people saw them departing, and many knew Him, and ran there on foot out of all the cities, and outran them, and came together unto Him. And Jesus, when He came out, saw many people, and was moved with compassion towards them, because they were as sheep not having a shepherd; and He began to teach them many things. And when the day was now late, His disciples came unto Him, and said, 'This is a deserted place, and now the time is late; send them away, so that they may go into the country round about, and into the villages, and buy themselves bread; for they have nothing to eat.' But He answered and said unto them, 'You Give to them to eat.' And they say unto Him, 'Shall we go and buy two hundred denarii of bread, and give them to eat?' And He said unto them, 'How many loaves do you have? Go and see.' And when they knew, they said, 'Five, and two fishes.' And He commanded them to make all sit down by companies upon the green grass. And they sat down in ranks, by hundreds, and by fifties. And when He had taken the five loaves and the two fishes, He looked up to heaven, and blessed and broke the loaves, and gave them to His disciples to set before them; and the two fishes He divided among them all. And they did all eat, and were filled. And they took up twelve baskets full of the fragments, and of the fishes. And those who did eat of the loaves were about five thousand men!" ([Mark 6:32-34-44](#)) (see also [Matthew 15:29-32-37](#) – the feeding of 4000+)

"And He (Jesus) preached in their synagogues throughout all Galilee, and cast out devils. And there came a leper unto Him, beseeching Him, and kneeling down to Him, and said unto Him, 'If You are willing, You can make me clean.' And Jesus, moved with compassion, put forth His hand, and touched him, and saith unto him, 'I will; be you clean.' And as soon as He had spoken, immediately the leprosy departed from him, and he was cleansed!" ([Mark 1:39-41-42](#))

Compassion: from the Greek word *esplanchnisthe* which means: he-was-moved-with-compassion; or he-felt-compassion; from: *splagchnizomai*: to be moved in the inward parts, to feel compassion; to have pity; i.e. to have inward heart-felt compassion. The word compassion means: having deep sympathy and concern for the sufferings, misery, or misfortunes of others.

The compassion of Jesus is expressed dramatically for people who are downcast because of situations beyond their control: those with physical sickness and hunger, and those who are starving for the Word of God due to a lack of teachers without the true anointing of God: blind guides leading the blind.

The compassion of Jesus is also founded upon the Compassion of His Father. (Like Father, Like Son!) Please consider the following attributes of God the Father:

"It is because of the LORD'S mercies that we are not consumed, because His compassions do not fail. They are new every morning: great is Your faithfulness. The LORD is my portion, says my soul; therefore I will hope in Him. The LORD is good unto those who wait for Him, to the soul who seeks Him. It is good that a man should both hope and quietly wait for the salvation of the LORD. It is good for a man that he bear the yoke in his youth. He sits alone and keeps silence, because he has borne it upon him. He puts his mouth in the dust; if so be there may be hope. He gives his cheek to him who smites him; he is filled full with reproach. For the Lord will not cast off forever. But though He causes grief, yet will He have compassion according to the multitude of His mercies." ([Lamentations 3:22-32](#))

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"Praise you the LORD (Yahweh). Blessed is the man who fears the LORD, who delights greatly in His commandments. His seed shall be mighty upon earth; and the generation of the upright shall be blessed. Wealth and riches shall be in his house; and his righteousness endures forever. Unto the upright there arises **Light** in the darkness; **He is gracious, and full of compassion, and righteous.**" ([Psalms 112:1-5](#))

"The LORD is gracious, and full of compassion; slow to anger, and of great mercy. The LORD is good to all; and His tender mercies are over all His works. All Your works shall praise You, O LORD; and Your saints (holy-ones) shall bless You. They shall speak of the glory of Your Kingdom, and talk of Your power; to make known to the sons of men His mighty acts, and the glorious majesty of His Kingdom. Your Kingdom is an everlasting Kingdom, and Your Dominion endures throughout all generations." ([Psalms 145:8-13](#))

Compassion: from Hebrew word *rahum* meaning: full of compassion or mercy, merciful.

Mercy: from Hebrew word *hasdeka* meaning: mercy, in the sense of receiving kindness, goodness, favor; or lovingkindness from God.

The compassion of the Father and Son is very much linked to the attribute of their mercy! When persons beseeched Jesus for 'Mercy' He responded with heart-felt "compassion" and mercifully healed them. Please consider the following:

"And it came to pass, as He (Jesus) went to Jerusalem, that He passed through the midst of Samaria and Galilee. And as He entered into a certain village, there met Him ten men who were lepers, who stood afar off. And they lifted up their voices, and said, 'Jesus, Master, have mercy on us.' And when He saw them, He said unto them, 'Go shew yourselves unto the priests.' And it came to pass, that, as they went, they were cleansed." ([Luke 17:11-14](#))

"And when Jesus departed from there, two blind men followed Him, crying, and saying, 'You Son of David, have mercy on us.' And when He had come into a house, the blind men came to Him, and Jesus said unto them, 'Do you believe that I am able to do this?' They said unto Him, 'Yes, Lord.' Then He touched their eyes, saying, 'According to your faith be it unto you.' And their eyes were opened!" ([Matthew 9:27-30](#))

"And as they (Jesus and His disciples) departed from Jericho, a great multitude followed Him. And, behold, two blind men were sitting by the way side; and when they heard that Jesus passed by, cried out, saying, 'Have mercy on us, O Lord, You Son of David.' And the multitude warned them, that they should hold their peace (i.e. be quiet); but they cried even more, saying, 'Have mercy on us, O Lord, You Son of David.' And Jesus stood still, and called them, and said, 'What will you have that I shall do unto you?' They say unto Him, 'Lord, that our eyes may be opened.' **So Jesus had compassion on them**, and touched their eyes: and **immediately** their eyes received sight, and they followed Him." ([Matthew 20:29-34](#))

Sometimes the heart-felt compassion of Jesus was spontaneous on His part, as in the following compassion for a widow whose only son had just died:

"And it came to pass the day after, that He (Jesus) went unto a city called Nain; and His disciples went with Him, and many other people. Now when He came near to the gate of the city, behold, there was a dead man being carried out, the only son of his mother, and she was a widow; and many people of the city were with her. And when the Lord saw her, **He had compassion on her**, and said unto her, 'Do not weep.' And He came and touched the bier; and those who bore him stood still. And He said, 'Young man, I say unto you, Arise.' And he who was dead sat up, and began to speak. And He (Jesus) delivered him to his mother. And there came a fear on all; and they glorified God, saying, 'That a great Prophet has risen up among us; and, that God has visited His people.' " ([Luke 7:11-17](#))

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The compassion and mercy of Jesus, and His Father, is especially for those people who are weighed down with the cares of life; and who are 'lost' in their sinfulness, and without-God (a-theist) in their lives: not having Jesus as their Lord, and Savior, and Shepherd of their souls. Please consider the following:

“Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, who according to **His abundant mercy** has begotten us again unto a living hope through the resurrection of Jesus Christ from the dead, to an inheritance incorruptible, and undefiled, and that does not fade away, reserved in heaven for you, who are kept by the power of God through faith unto salvation ready to be revealed in the last time.” ([1 Peter 1:3-5](#))

“But you are a Chosen Generation, a Royal Priesthood, a Holy Nation, a Peculiar People; that you should show forth the praises of Him who has called you out of darkness into His marvelous light; and who in time past were not a people, but **are now the people of God**: who had not obtained mercy, but now **have obtained mercy**.” ([1 Peter 2:9-10](#))

“Forasmuch then since the children (people) are partakers of flesh and blood, He (Jesus) also Himself likewise took part of the same; so that **through death** He might destroy him who had the power of death, that is, the devil; and deliver those who through fear of death were all their lifetime subject to bondage. ... Therefore in all things He had to be made like unto His brethren, so that He might be a Merciful and Faithful High Priest in things pertaining to God, to make reconciliation for the sins of the people. For in that He Himself has Suffered Being Tempted, He is able to aid those who are tempted.” ([Hebrews 2:14-18](#))

*“Behold, the days are coming, says the Lord, when I will make a New Covenant (in and through Christ Jesus) with the house of Israel and with the house of Judah; and not according to the Covenant that I made with their fathers in the day when I took them by the hand to lead them out of the land of Egypt; because they continued not in my covenant, ... For this is the Covenant that I will make with the house of Israel after those days, says the Lord; **I will put My laws into their mind, and write them in their hearts**; and I will be to them their God, and they shall be to Me My people; and they shall not teach every man his neighbor, and every man his brother, saying, Know the Lord; for all shall know Me, from the least to the greatest. **For I will be merciful to their unrighteousness, and their sins and their iniquities I will remember no more.**” ([Hebrews 8:8-12](#) - as quoted from [Jeremiah 31:31-34](#))*

Jesus Was and still is Compassionate and Merciful

He is Compassionate and a Shepard towards people who have no shepherd !

He is Compassionate and Merciful towards those who are physically and spiritually lame, blind, and sick !!!

He is Compassionate towards those who suffer in sorrow and grief !!

He is Compassionate towards those who are lost in darkness and sin !!

With compassion and mercy Jesus endured death on the Cross for our Salvation !

LORD, You are gracious, and full of compassion; slow to anger, and of great mercy!!

Blessed are You our Loving Father who according to Your abundant mercy has begotten us again unto a living hope through the resurrection of our Savior Jesus Christ from the dead, to an inheritance incorruptible, and undefiled, and that does not fade away, reserved in heaven for us, who are kept by the power of God through faith unto Salvation. Ready to be revealed in the last time !!

Amen and Amen !! Come soon Lord Jesus !!