

## ~LOYALTY (245)

[Hebrew, *cha-sidh'*, Greek, *ho-si-o'tes*]

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- In the Hebrew Scriptures, the adjective *cha-sidh'* is used of someone loyal, or one of loving-kindness.
- **With someone loyal** you will act in **loyalty**. With the faultless, able-bodied man you will deal faultlessly. (**Psalms 18:25**) Footnote
- The Hebrew noun *che'sedh* has reference to kindness but contains more than the thought of tender regard or kindness stemming from love, though it includes such traits.
- It is kindness that lovingly attaches itself to an object until its purpose in connection with that object is realized. Such is the sort of kindness that God expresses toward his servants and that they express toward him.
- It therefore comes into the field of **loyalty**, a righteous, devoted, holy loyalty, and is variously rendered, **loving-kindness** and **loyal love**.
- And it came about that, when God caused me to wander from the house of my father, then I said to her, This is your **loving-kindness** which you may exercise toward me; At every place where we shall come say of me; He is my brother. (**Genesis 20:13**)
- So now swear to me here by God that you will not prove false to me and to my offspring and to my posterity, that, according to the **loyal love** with which I have dealt with you, you will deal with me and with the land in which you have been residing as an alien. (**Genesis 21:23**)

## See Also KINDNESS

- In the Greek Scriptures the noun *ho-si-o'tes* and the adjective *ho'si-os* carry the thought of **holiness, righteousness, reverence, being devout, pious**, the careful observance of all duties toward God. It involves a right relationship with God.

- There appear to be no English words that exactly express the full meaning of the **Hebrew** and **Greek** words, but **loyalty**, including, as it does, the thought of devotion and faithfulness, when used in connection with God and his service, serves to give an approximation.

- The best way to determine the full meaning of the Bible terms in question is to examine their usage in the Bible.

### • Yehowah's Loyalty

- Yehowah God the Most Holy One, who is devoted to righteousness and who exercises unbreakable **loving-kindness** toward those who serve him, deals in righteousness and trueness even with his enemies and is eminently dependable.

- It is said of him; Great and wonderful are your works, Yehowah God, the Almighty. Righteous and true are your ways, King of eternity. Who will not really fear you, Yehowah, and glorify your name, because you alone are **loyal**?

- And they are singing the song of Moses the slave of God and the song of the Lamb, saying; Great and wonderful are your works, Yehowah God, the Almighty. Righteous and true are your ways, King of eternity. (**Revelation 15:3**)

- Who will not really fear you, Yehowah, and glorify your name, because you alone are **loyal**? For all the nations will come and worship before you, because your righteous decrees have been made manifest. (**Revelation 15:4**)

- Because Yehowah's **loyalty** to righteousness and justice, as well as his love for his people, prompts him to take needed judicial action, an angel was moved to say;

- And I heard the angel over the waters say; You, the One who is and who was, the **loyal** One, are righteous, because you have rendered these decisions. (**Revelation 16:5**)

- Yehowah is righteous in all his ways and **loyal** in all his works. (**Psalms 145:17**)

- Yehowah is **loyal** to his covenants.

- And you well know that Yehowah your God is the true God, the faithful God, keeping covenant and **loving-kindness** in the case of those who love him and those who keep his commandments to a thousand generations. (**Deuteronomy 7:9**)
- Because of his covenant with his friend Abraham, he exercised long-suffering and mercy for centuries toward the nation of Israel.
- However, Yehowah showed them favor and had mercy upon them and turned to them for the sake of his covenant with Abraham, Isaac and Jacob, and he did not want to bring them to ruin, and he did not cast them away from before his face until now. (**2 Kings 13:23**)
- Through his prophet Jeremiah he appealed to Israel; Do return, O renegade Israel, is the utterance of Yehowah. I shall not have my face drop angrily upon you people, for **I am loyal**.
- Go, and you must proclaim these words to the north and say; Do return, O renegade Israel, is the utterance of Yehowah. I shall not have my face drop angrily upon you people, for **I am loyal**, is the utterance of Yehowah. I shall not stay resentful to time indefinite. (**Jeremiah 3:12**)
- Those who are loyal to him can rely fully on him. David, in prayer, asked for God's help and said,
- With someone loyal you will act in **loyalty**. With the faultless mighty one you will deal faultlessly. (**2 Samuel 22:26**)
- In an appeal to the people, David asked them to turn away from what is bad and do what is good, for, he said; Yehowah is a lover of justice, and he will not leave his **loyal** ones. To time indefinite they will certainly be guarded.
- Turn away from what is bad and do what is good, and so reside to time indefinite. (**Psalms 37:27**)
- For Yehowah is a lover of justice, and he will not leave his loyal ones. To time indefinite they will certainly be guarded, but as for the offspring of the wicked ones, they will indeed be cut off. (**Psalms 37:28**)

- Those who are **loyal** to Yehowah can count on his closeness and his help to the very end of their faithful course, and they can rest in full security, knowing that he will remember them no matter what situation arises. He guards their way.
- By observing the paths of judgment, and he will guard the very way of his loyal ones. (**Proverbs 2:8**)
- He guards their lives or souls.
- O you lovers of Yehowah, hate what is bad. He is guarding the souls of his **loyal** ones. Out of the hand of the wicked ones he delivers them. (**Psalms 97:10**)

## •• Jesus Christ

- Jesus Christ when on earth was greatly strengthened in the knowledge that God had caused to be foretold of him that, as God's chief **loyal one**, his soul would not be left in Sheol.
- For you will not leave my soul in Sheol. You will not allow your loyal one to see the pit. (**Psalms 16:10**)
- On the day of Pentecost, **33 C.E.**, the apostle Peter applied this prophecy to Jesus, saying;
- For David says respecting him, I had Yehowah constantly before my eyes, because he is at my right hand that I may never be shaken. (**Acts of Apostles 2:25**)
- On this account my heart became cheerful and my tongue rejoiced greatly. Moreover, even my flesh will reside in hope. (**Acts of Apostles 2:26**)
- Because you will not leave my soul in Hades, neither will you allow your loyal one to see corruption. (**Acts of Apostles 2:27**)
- You have made life's ways known to me, you will fill me with good cheer with your face. (**Acts of Apostles 2:28**)
- He saw beforehand and spoke concerning the resurrection of the Christ, that neither was he forsaken in Hades nor did his flesh see corruption. (**Acts of Apostles 2:31**)

- This Jesus God resurrected, of which fact we are all witnesses. (Acts of Apostles 2:32)
- And so we are declaring to you the Good News about the promise made to the forefathers. (Acts of Apostles 13:32)
- That God has entirely fulfilled it to us their children in that he resurrected Jesus, even as it is written in the second psalm, You are my son, I have become your Father this day. (Acts of Apostles 13:33)
- And that fact that he resurrected him from the dead destined no more to return to corruption, he has stated in this way, I will give you people the loving-kindnesses to David that are faithful. (Acts of Apostles 13:34)
- Hence he also says in another psalm, You will not allow your loyal one to see corruption. (Acts of Apostles 13:35)
- For David, on the one hand, served the express will of God in his own generation and fell asleep in death and was laid with his forefathers and did see corruption. (Acts of Apostles 13:36)
- On the other hand, he whom God raised up did not see corruption. (Acts of Apostles 13:37)
- The Expositors Greek Testament, in a comment on;
- Because you will not leave my soul in Hades, neither will you allow your loyal one to see corruption. (Acts of Apostles 2:27)
- Says that the Hebrew word *cha-sidh'* used in,
- For you will not leave my soul in Sheol. You will not allow your loyal one to see the pit. (Psalms 16:10)
- Denotes not only one who is godly and pious, but also one who is the object of Yehowah's loving-kindness. [Edited by W. R. Nicoll, 1967, Vol. II.]

## .. Loyalty Required By God

- Yehowah requires loyalty of his servants. They must copy him.

- **Therefore, become imitators of God, as beloved children.  
(Ephesians 5:1]**
- **The apostle Paul tells Christians that:**
- **And should put on the new personality which was created according to God's will in true righteousness and **loyalty**.  
(Ephesians 4:24)**
- **In recommending prayer in the congregation, he says;**
- **Therefore I desire that in every place the men carry on prayer, lifting up **loyal** hands, apart from wrath and debates. (1 Timothy 2:8)**
- ****Loyalty** is an essential quality if a man is to qualify for appointment to serve as an overseer in the congregation of God.**
- **But hospitable, a lover of goodness, sound in mind, righteous, **loyal**, self-controlled. (Titus 1:8)**