

## ~PITY (44)

[Hebrew, *ra-chamim*', Greek, *splag-khni'zo-mai*]

- A tender feeling toward persons in a state of suffering or in need, or toward anything that may have been treated in a harsh manner. The plural Hebrew noun *ra-chamim*' denotes, pity, mercies, or inward emotions.
- And may God Almighty give you **pity** before the man, that he may certainly release to you your other brother and Benjamin. But I, in case I must be bereaved, I shall certainly be bereaved! (**Genesis 43:14**)
- Joseph was now in a hurry, because his **inward emotions** were excited toward his brother, so that he looked for a place to weep and he went into an interior room and gave way to tears there. (**Genesis 43:30**)
- So David said to Gad; It is very distressing to me. Please, let me fall into the hand of Yehowah, for very many are his **mercies**, but into the hand of man do not let me fall. (**1 Chronicles 21:13**)
- You yourself, O Yehowah, do not restrain your **pity** from me. Let your loving-kindness and your trueness themselves constantly safeguard me. (**Psalms 40:11**)
- In Greek, the verb *splag-khni'zo-mai* means, **be moved with pity** or **compassion**, **have or feel pity**. This term is drawn from the noun *splag'khna*, literally meaning, **intestines**.
- This very man, therefore, purchased a field with the wages for unrighteousness, and pitching head foremost he noisily burst in his midst and all his **intestines** were poured out. (Acts of Apostles 1:18)
- Since strong emotions can have an effect on the abdominal area of the body, the Greek noun *splag'khna* is often used to denote, **tender affections**, or **tender compassions**.

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