

~KINDNESS (1376)

[Hebrew, *Che'sedh* loving-kindness , Greek, *khre-sto'tes, a-no'si-os*]

- Loving-Kindness Of God
- Loving-Kindness Of Man
- Undeserved Kindness

• The quality or state of taking an active interest in the welfare of others, friendly and helpful acts or favors. The principal word for kindness in the **Christian Greek Scriptures** is **Greek** *khre-sto'tes*.

• Yehowah God takes the lead and is the best example of one showing kindness in so many ways toward others, even toward the unthankful and wicked, encouraging them to repentance.

• To the contrary, continue to love your enemies and to do good and to lend without interest, not hoping for anything back, and your reward will be great, and you will be sons of the Most High, because he is **kind** toward the unthankful and wicked. (**Luke 6:35**)

• Or do you despise the riches of his **kindness** and forbearance and long-suffering, because you do not know that the **kindly** quality of God is trying to lead you to repentance? (**Romans 2:4**)

• See, therefore, God's **kindness** and severity. Toward those who fell there is severity, but toward you there is God's **kindness**, provided you remain in his **kindness**, otherwise, you also will be lopped off. (**Romans 11:22**)

• However, when the **kindness** and the love for man on the part of our Savior, God, was manifested. (**Titus 3:4**)

• Owing to no works in righteousness that we had performed, but according to his mercy he saved us through the bath that brought us to life and through the making of us new by Holy Spirit. (**Titus 3:5**)

• Christians, in turn, under the kindly yoke of Christ.

• For my yoke is **kindly** and my load is light. (**Matthew 11:30**)

• Are urged to clothe themselves with **kindness**.

- Accordingly, as God's chosen ones, holy and loved, clothe yourselves with the tender affections of compassion, **kindness**, lowliness of mind, mildness, and long-suffering. (**Colossians 3:12**)
- But become kind to one another, tenderly compassionate, freely forgiving one another just as God also by Christ freely forgave you. (**Ephesians 4:32**)
- And to develop the fruitage of God's spirit, which includes **kindness**.
- On the other hand, the fruitage of the spirit is love, joy, peace, long-suffering, **kindness**, goodness, faith. (**Galatians 5:22**)
- In this way they recommend themselves as God's ministers.
- But in every way we recommend ourselves as God's ministers, by the endurance of much, by tribulations, by cases of need, by difficulties. (**2 Corinthians 6:4**)
- By beatings, by prisons, by disorders, by labors, by sleepless nights, by times without food. (**2 Corinthians 6:5**)
- By purity, by knowledge, by long-suffering, by **kindness**, by Holy Spirit, by love free from hypocrisy. (**2 Corinthians 6:6**)
- Love is **kind**.
- Love is long-suffering and **kind**. Love is not jealous, it does not brag, does not get puffed up. (**1 Corinthians 13:4**)
- **Kindness**, or, reasonableness, literally, yieldingness, **Greek, e-pi-ei-ki'a** is an outstanding characteristic of Christ Jesus.
- Now I myself, Paul, entreat you by the mildness and **kindness** of the Christ, lowly though I am in appearance among you, whereas when absent I am bold toward you. (**2 Corinthians 10:1**) Footnote
- Paul was treated with unusual **human kindness** literally, affection for mankind, **Greek, phi-lan-thro-pi'a** by the inhabitants of Malta.
- And the foreign-speaking people showed us extraordinary human

kindness, for they kindled a fire and received all of us helpfully because of the rain that was falling and because of the cold. (Acts of Apostles 28:2) Footnote

• Loving-Kindness Of God

- As in the **Christian Greek Scriptures** so also in the **Hebrew Scriptures**, frequent mention is made of **kindness**. The **Hebrew** word *che'sedh*, when used in reference to kindness, occurs 245 times. The related verb *cha-sadh'* means, **act in loyalty, or, loving-kindness**, and carries with it more than just the thought of tender regard or **kindness** stemming from love, though it includes such traits.
- With someone loyal you will **act in loyalty**, with the faultless, able-bodied man you will deal faultlessly. (**Psalms 18:25**) Footnote
- **Hebrew *Che'sedh* is kindness that lovingly attaches itself to an object until its purpose in connection with that object is realized.** According to the **Theological Dictionary of the Old Testament**, *che'sedh* is active, social, and enduring. *Che'sedh* always designates not just a human attitude, but also the act that emerges from this attitude. It is an act that preserves or promotes life.
- It is intervention on behalf of someone suffering misfortune or distress. It is demonstration of friendship or piety. It pursues what is good and not what is evil. [Edited by G. J. Botterweck and H. Ringgren, 1986, Vol. 5, p. 51]
- Hence, *che'sedh* is more comprehensively rendered **loving-kindness**, or, because of the fidelity, solidarity, and proved loyalty associated with it, an alternate translation would be **loyal love**. In the plural number it may be rendered, **loving-kindnesses, acts of loyal love, full loving-kindness, or full loyal love**.
- Remember your mercies, O Yehowah, and your **loving-kindnesses**, for they are from time indefinite. (**Psalms 25:6**) Footnote
- Incline your ear and come to me. Listen, and your soul will keep alive, and I shall readily conclude with you people an indefinitely lasting covenant respecting the **loving-kindnesses** to David that are faithful. (**Isaiah 55:3**) Footnote
- **Loving-kindness** is a precious quality of Yehowah God in which he delights, and it is manifest in all his dealings with his servants.

- How precious your **loving-kindness** is, O God! And in the shadow of your wings the sons of men themselves take refuge. (**Psalms 36:7**)
- Also **loving-kindness** belongs to you, O Yehowah, for you yourself pay back to each one according to his work. (**Psalms 62:12**)
- Who is a God like you, one pardoning error and passing over transgression of the remnant of his inheritance? He will certainly not hold onto his anger forever, for he is delighting in **loving-kindness**. (**Micah 7:18**)
- Were this not the case, they would have perished long ago.
- It is the acts of **loving-kindness** of Yehowah that we have not come to our finish, because his mercies will certainly not come to an end. (**Lamentations 3:22**)
- Thus, Moses could plead in behalf of rebellious Israel, both on the basis of Yehowah's great name and because He is a God of **loving-kindness**.
- But Moses said to Yehowah; Then the Egyptians will be bound to hear that you by your power have led this people up out of their midst. (**Numbers 14:13**)
- And they will be bound to tell it to the inhabitants of this land. They have heard that you are Yehowah in among this people, who has appeared face to face. You are Yehowah, and your cloud is standing over them, and you are going before them in the pillar of cloud by day and in the pillar of fire by night. (**Numbers 14:14**)
- Were you to put this people to death as one man, then the nations who have heard of your fame would certainly say this. (**Numbers 14:15**)
- Because of Yehowah's not being able to bring this people into the land about which he swore to them he proceeded to slaughter them in the wilderness. (**Numbers 14:16**)
- And now, please, let your power become great, O Yehowah, just as you have spoken, saying; (**Numbers 14:17**)

- **Yehowah, slow to anger and abundant in loving-kindness, pardoning error and transgression, but by no means will he give exemption from punishment, bringing punishment for the error of the fathers upon sons, upon the third generation and upon the fourth generation. (Numbers 14:18)**
- **Forgive, please, the error of this people according to the greatness of your loving-kindness, and just as you have pardoned this people from Egypt onward until now. (Numbers 14:19)**
- **The Scriptures show that Yehowah's loving-kindness, or loyal love, is displayed in a variety of ways and under different circumstances in acts of deliverance and preservation.**
- **Do return, O Yehowah, do rescue my soul, save me for the sake of your loving-kindness. (Psalms 6:4)**
- **According to your loving-kindness preserve me alive, that I may keep the reminder of your mouth. (Psalms 119:88)**
- **O see that I have loved your own orders. O Yehowah, according to your loving-kindness preserve me alive. (Psalms 119:159)**
- **As a safeguard and protection.**
- **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)**
- **He will dwell to time indefinite before God. O assign loving-kindness and trueness, that these may safeguard him. (Psalms 61:7)**
- **And in your loving-kindness may you silence my enemies, and you must destroy all those showing hostility to my soul, for I am your servant. (Psalms 143:12)**
- **And as a factor bringing relief from troubles.**
- **Finally Naomi said to both of her daughters-in-law; Go, return, each one to the house of her mother. May Yehowah exercise loving-kindness toward you, just as you have exercised it toward**

- the men now dead and toward me. (**Ruth 1:8**)
- At that Naomi said to her daughter-in-law. Blessed be he of Yehowah, who has not left his loving-kindness toward the living and the dead. And Naomi went on to say to her; The man is related to us. He is one of our repurchasers. (**Ruth 2:20**)
 - Do cause your face to shine upon your servant. Save me in your loving-kindness. (**Psalms 31:16**)
 - Blessed be Yehowah, for he has rendered wonderful loving-kindness to me in a city under stress. (**Psalms 31:21**)
 - Because of it one may be recovered from sin.
 - The sins of my youth and my revolts O do not remember. According to your loving-kindness do you yourself remember me, for the sake of your goodness, O Yehowah. (**Psalms 25:7**)
 - Sustained, and upheld.
 - When I said; My foot will certainly move unsteadily. Your own loving-kindness, O Yehowah, kept sustaining me. (**Psalms 94:18**)
 - For toward us his loving-kindness has proved mighty, and the trueness of Yehowah is to time indefinite. Praise Yah, you people! (**Psalms 117:2**)
 - By it God's chosen ones are assisted.
 - Do arise in assistance to us and redeem us for the sake of your loving-kindness. (**Psalms 44:26**)
 - God's loving-kindness was magnified in the cases of Lot.
 - Then Lot said to them; Not that, please, Yehowah! (**Genesis 19:18**)
 - Please, now, your servant has found favor in your eyes so that you are magnifying your loving-kindness, which you have exercised with me to preserve my soul alive, but I, I am not able to escape to the mountainous region for fear calamity may keep close to me and I certainly die. (**Genesis 19:19**)

- Please, now, this city is nearby to flee there and it is a small thing. May I, please, escape there, is it not a small thing? And my soul will live on. (**Genesis 19:20**)
- So he said to him; Here I do show you consideration to this extent also, by my not overthrowing the city of which you have spoken. (**Genesis 19:21**)
- Hurry! Escape there, because I am not able to do a thing until your arriving there! That is why he called the name of the city Zoar. (**Genesis 19:22**)
- **Abraham**
- You will give the trueness given to Jacob, the loving-kindness given to Abraham, which you swore to our forefathers from the days of long ago. (**Micah 7:20**)
- **Joseph**
- However, Yehowah continued with Joseph and kept extending **loving-kindness** to him and granting him to find favor in the eyes of the chief officer of the prison house. (**Genesis 39:21**)
- **It was also acknowledged in the choice of a wife for Isaac.**
- And he went on to say; Yehowah the God of my master Abraham, cause it to happen, please, before me this day and perform **loving-kindness** with my master Abraham. (**Genesis 24:12**)
- Here I am stationed at a fountain of water, and the daughters of the men of the city are coming out to draw water. (**Genesis 24:13**)
- What must occur is that the young woman to whom I shall say; Let your water jar down, please, that I may take a drink, and who will indeed say; Take a drink, and I shall also water your camels, this is the one you must assign to your servant, to Isaac, and by this let me know that you have performed **loyal love** with my master. (**Genesis 24:14**)
- And say; Blessed be Yehowah the God of my master Abraham, who has not left his **loving-kindness** and his trustworthiness

- toward my master. I being on the way, Yehowah has led me to the house of the brothers of my master. ([Genesis 24:27](#))
- **With the development of the nation of Israel and thereafter, Yehowah's loving-kindness in connection with his covenant continued to be magnified.**
 - **You in your loving-kindness have led the people whom you have recovered. You in your strength will certainly conduct them to your holy abiding place. ([Exodus 15:13](#))**
 - **And it must occur that, because you continue listening to these judicial decisions and you do keep them and do carry them out, Yehowah your God must keep toward you the covenant and the loving-kindness about which he swore to your forefathers. ([Deuteronomy 7:12](#))**
 - **This was true in David's case.**
 - **As for my loving-kindness, it will not depart from him the way I removed it from Saul, whom I removed on account of you. ([2 Samuel 7:15](#))**
 - **At this Solomon said; You yourself have exercised great loving-kindness toward your servant David my father according as he walked before you in truth and in righteousness and in uprightness of heart with you, and you continued keeping toward him this great loving-kindness, so that you gave him a son to sit upon his throne as at this day. ([1 Kings 3:6](#))**
 - **He is doing great acts of salvation for his king and exercising loving-kindness to his anointed one, to David and to his seed to time indefinite. ([Psalms 18:50](#))**
 - **As it was also with Ezra and those with him.**
 - **And toward me he has extended loving-kindness before the king and his counselors and as respects all the mighty princes of the king. And I, for my part, strengthened myself according to the hand of Yehowah my God upon me, and I proceeded to collect out of Israel the head ones to go up with me. ([Ezra 7:28](#))**
 - **For we are servants, and in our servitude our God has not left us, but he extends toward us loving-kindness before the kings of**

Persia, to give us a reviving so as to raise up the house of our God and to restore its desolated places and to give us a stone wall in Judah and in Jerusalem. (**Ezra 9:9**)

- **And likewise with thousands of others.**
- Preserving **loving-kindness** for thousands, pardoning error and transgression and sin, but by no means will he give exemption from punishment, bringing punishment for the error of fathers upon sons and upon grandsons, upon the third generation and upon the fourth generation. (**Exodus 34:7**)
- The One exercising **loving-kindness** toward thousands, and repaying the error of the fathers into the bosom of their sons after them, the true God, the great One, the mighty One, Yehowah of armies being his name. (**Jeremiah 32:18**)
- In support of the kingdom covenant with David, Yehowah continued to express his **loving-kindness** even after Jesus died, for He resurrected this **loyal one** in fulfillment of the prophecy; I will give you people the **loving-kindnesses** to David that are faithful.
- For you will not leave my soul in Sheol. You will not allow your **loyal one** to see the pit. (**Psalms 16:10**)
- 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**)
- Incline your ear and come to me. Listen, and your soul will keep alive, and I shall readily conclude with you people an indefinitely lasting covenant respecting the **loving-kindnesses** to David that are faithful. (**Isaiah 55:3**)
- It is this **loving-kindness** on the part of Yehowah that draws individuals to him.
- From far away Yehowah himself appeared to me, saying; And with a love to time indefinite I have loved you. That is why I have drawn you with **loving-kindness**. (**Jeremiah 31:3**)
- They trust in it

- As for me, in your **loving-kindness** I have trusted. Let my heart be joyful in your salvation. (**Psalms 13:5**)
- But I shall be like a luxuriant olive tree in God's house. I do trust in the **loving-kindness** of God to time indefinite, even forever. (**Psalms 52:8**)
- **Hope in it**
- Look! The eye of Yehowah is toward those fearing him, to those waiting for his **loving-kindness**. (**Psalms 33:18**)
- Let your **loving-kindness**, O Yehowah, prove to be upon us, even as we have kept waiting for you. Of David, at the time of his disguising his sanity before Abimelech, so that he drove him out, and he went away. (**Psalms 33:22**)
- **Pray for it.**
- Show me favor, O God, according to your **loving-kindness**. According to the abundance of your mercies wipe out my transgressions. (**Psalms 51:1**)
- Show us, O Yehowah, your **loving-kindness**, and your salvation may you give to us. (**Psalms 85:7**)
- Satisfy us in the morning with your **loving-kindness**, that we may cry out joyfully and may rejoice during all our days. (**Psalms 90:14**)
- Help me, O Yehowah my God, save me according to your **loving-kindness**. (**Psalms 109:26**)
- And may your **loving-kindnesses** come to me, O Yehowah, your salvation according to your saying; (**Psalms 119:41**)
- **Comforted by it.**
- May your **loving-kindness** serve, please, to comfort me, according to your saying to your servant. (**Psalms 119:76**)
- They also give thanks to Yehowah for his **loving-kindness**.
- O let people give thanks to Yehowah for his **loving-kindness** and

- for his wonderful works to the sons of men. (**Psalms 107:8**)
- O let people give thanks to Yehowah for his **loving-kindness** and for his wonderful works to the sons of men. (**Psalms 107:15**)
 - O let people give thanks to Yehowah for his **loving-kindness** and for his wonderful works to the sons of men. (**Psalms 107:21**)
 - O let people give thanks to Yehowah for his **loving-kindness** and for his wonderful works to the sons of men. (**Psalms 107:31**)
 - They bless and praise him for it.
 - Blessed be God, who has not turned aside my prayer, nor his **loving-kindness** from me. (**Psalms 66:20**)
 - To us belongs nothing, O Yehowah, to us belongs nothing, but to your name give glory according to your **loving-kindness**, according to your trueness. (**Psalms 115:1**)
 - I shall bow down toward your holy temple, and I shall laud your name, because of your **loving-kindness** and because of your trueness. For you have magnified your saying even above all your name. (**Psalms 138:2**)
 - And they talk to others about it.
 - To tell in the morning about your **loving-kindness** and about your faithfulness during the nights. (**Psalms 92:2**)
 - Like David, they should never try to hide it.
 - Your righteousness I have not covered over within my heart. Your faithfulness and your salvation I have declared. I have not hidden your **loving-kindness** and your trueness in the big congregation. (**Psalms 40:10**)
 - For it is good.
 - Answer me, O Yehowah, for your **loving-kindness** is good. According to the multitude of your mercies turn to me. (**Psalms 69:16**)
 - But you are Yehowah the Sovereign Lord. Deal with me for the

- sake of your name. Because your **loving-kindness** is good, deliver me. (**Psalms 109:21**)
- **And it is a great source of rejoicing.**
 - I will be joyful and rejoice in your **loving-kindness**, in that you have seen my affliction. You have known about the distresses of my soul. (**Psalms 31:7**)
 - Certainly this divine **loving-kindness** is like a pleasant pathway in which to walk.
 - All the paths of Yehowah are **loving-kindness** and trueness for those observing his covenant and his reminders. (**Psalms 25:10**)
 - In other Bible texts the overflowing abundance of God's **loving-kindness**
 - As for me, in the abundance of your **loving-kindness** I shall come into your house, I shall bow down toward your holy temple in fear of you. (**Psalms 5:7**)
 - But as for me, my prayer was to you, O Yehowah, at an acceptable time, O God. In the abundance of your **loving-kindness** answer me with the truth of salvation by you. (**Psalms 69:13**)
 - Hence he prayed to Yehowah and said; Ah, now, O Yehowah, was not this an affair of mine, while I happened to be on my own ground? That is why I went ahead and ran away to Tarshish, for I knew that you are a God gracious and merciful, slow to anger and abundant in **loving-kindness**, and feeling regret over the calamity. (**Jonah 4:2**)
 - **Its greatness.**
 - Forgive, please, the error of this people according to the greatness of your **loving-kindness**, and just as you have pardoned this people from Egypt onward until now. (**Numbers 14:19**)
 - **Its permanence.**
 - And he went on to say; O Yehowah the God of Israel, there is no

God like you in the heavens above or on the earth beneath, keeping the covenant and the **loving-kindness** toward your servants who are walking before you with all their heart. (**1 Kings 8:23**)

- **Are emphasized. It is as high as the heavens.**
- O Yehowah, your **loving-kindness** is in the heavens; Your faithfulness is up to the clouds. (**Psalms 36:5**)
- For your **loving-kindness** is great up to the heavens, and your trueness up to the skies. (**Psalms 57:10**)
- For as the heavens are higher than the earth, this **loving-kindness** is superior toward those fearing him. (**Psalms 103:11**)
- For your **loving-kindness** is great up to the heavens, and your trueness up to the skies. (**Psalms 108:4**)
- **Fills the earth.**
- He is a lover of righteousness and justice. With the **loving-kindness** of Yehowah the earth is filled. (**Psalms 33:5**)
- Your **loving-kindness**, O Yehowah, has filled the earth. Teach me your own regulations. (**Psalms 119:64**)
- **And is extended to a thousand generations.**
- 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**)
- **And to time indefinite.**
- Give thanks to Yehowah, you people, for he is good; for to time indefinite is his **loving-kindness**. (**1 Chronicles 16:34**)
- And with them Heman and Jeduthun and the rest of the select men that were designated by names to thank Yehowah, because, to time indefinite is his **loving-kindness**. (**1 Chronicles 16:41**)
- For I have said; **Loving-kindness** will stay built even to time

indefinite, as for the heavens, you keep your faithfulness firmly established in them. (**Psalms 89:2**)

- With a flood of indignation I concealed my face from you for but a moment, but with **loving-kindness** to time indefinite I will have mercy upon you, your Repurchaser, Yehowah, has said. (**Isaiah 54:8**)
- For the mountains themselves may be removed, and the very hills may stagger, but my **loving-kindness** itself will not be removed from you, nor will my covenant of peace itself stagger, Yehowah, the One having mercy upon you, has said. (**Isaiah 54:10**)
- The sound of exultation and the sound of rejoicing, the voice of the bridegroom and the voice of the bride, the voice of those saying; Laud Yehowah of armies, for Yehowah is good, for to time indefinite is his **loving-kindness**! They will be bringing a thanksgiving offering into the house of Yehowah, for I shall bring back the captives of the land just as at the start, Yehowah has said. (**Jeremiah 33:11**)
- Give thanks to Yehowah, O you people, for he is good: for his **loving-kindness** is to time indefinite. (**Psalms 136:1**)
- Give thanks to the God of the gods, for his **loving-kindness** is to time indefinite. (**Psalms 136:2**)
- Give thanks to the Lord of the lords, for his **loving-kindness** is to time indefinite. (**Psalms 136:3**)
- To the Doer of wonderful, great things by himself, for his **loving-kindness** is to time indefinite. (**Psalms 136:4**)
- To the One making the heavens with understanding, for his **loving-kindness** is to time indefinite. (**Psalms 136:5**)
- To the One laying out the earth above the waters, for his **loving-kindness** is to time indefinite. (**Psalms 136:6**)
- To the One making the great lights, for his **loving-kindness** is to time indefinite. (**Psalms 136:7**)
- Even the sun for dominion by day, for his **loving-kindness** is to

time indefinite. (**Psalms 136:8**)

- The moon and the stars for combined dominion by night, for his **loving-kindness** is to time indefinite. (**Psalms 136:9**)
- To the One striking down Egypt in their firstborn ones, for his **loving-kindness** is to time indefinite. (**Psalms 136:10**)
- And the One bringing Israel out of the midst of them, for his **loving-kindness** is to time indefinite. (**Psalms 136:11**)
- By a strong hand and by an arm stretched out, for his **loving-kindness** is to time indefinite. (**Psalms 136:12**)
- To the One severing the Red Sea into parts: for his **loving-kindness** is to time indefinite. (**Psalms 136:13**)
- And who caused Israel to pass through the middle of it, for his **loving-kindness** is to time indefinite. (**Psalms 136:14**)
- And who shook off Pharaoh and his military force into the Red Sea: for his **loving-kindness** is to time indefinite. (**Psalms 136:15**)
- To the One making his people walk through the wilderness, for his **loving-kindness** is to time indefinite. (**Psalms 136:16**)
- To the One striking down great kings, for his **loving-kindness** is to time indefinite. (**Psalms 136:17**)
- And who proceeded to kill majestic kings. For his **loving-kindness** is to time indefinite. (**Psalms 136:18**)
- Even Sihon the king of the Amorites, for his **loving-kindness** is to time indefinite. (**Psalms 136:19**)
- And Og the king of Bashan, for his **loving-kindness** is to time indefinite. (**Psalms 136:20**)
- And who gave their land as an inheritance, for his **loving-kindness** is to time indefinite. (**Psalms 136:21**)
- An inheritance to Israel his servant, for his **loving-kindness** is to time indefinite. (**Psalms 136:22**)

- Who during our low condition remembered us, for his **loving-kindness** is to time indefinite. (**Psalms 136:23**)
- And who repeatedly tore us away from our adversaries, for his **loving-kindness** is to time indefinite. (**Psalms 136:24**)
- The One giving food to all flesh, for his **loving-kindness** is to time indefinite. (**Psalms 136:25**)
- Give thanks to the God of the heavens, for his **loving-kindness** is to time indefinite. (**Psalms 136:26**)
- All 26 verses repeat the phrase, Yehowah's **loving-kindness** is to time indefinite.
- Often this wonderful characteristic of Yehowah, his **loving-kindness**, is associated with other magnificent qualities God's mercy, graciousness, truth, forgiveness, righteousness, peace, judgment, and justice.
- And Yehowah went passing by before his face and declaring; Yehowah, Yehowah, a God merciful and gracious, slow to anger and abundant in **loving-kindness** and truth. (**Exodus 34:6**)
- So they refused to listen, and they did not remember your wonderful acts that you performed with them, but they hardened their neck and appointed a head to return to their servitude in Egypt. But you are a God of acts of forgiveness, gracious and merciful, slow to anger and abundant in **loving-kindness**, and you did not leave them. (**Nehemiah 9:17**)
- As for **loving-kindness** and trueness, they have met each other, righteousness and peace, they have kissed each other. (**Psalms 85:10**)
- Righteousness and judgment are the established place of your throne, **loving-kindness** and trueness themselves come in before your face. (**Psalms 89:14**)
- But let the one bragging about himself brag about himself because of this very thing, the having of insight and the having of knowledge of me, that I am Yehowah, the One exercising **loving-kindness**, justice and righteousness in the earth, for in these things I do take delight, is the utterance of Yehowah. (**Jeremiah**

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· Loving-Kindness Of Man

- From the above it is apparent that those wishing to have God's approval must **love kindness** and carry on with one another **loving-kindness** and mercies.
- He has told you, O earthling man, what is good. And what is Yehowah asking back from you but to exercise justice and to **love kindness** and to be modest in walking with your God? (**Micah 6:8**)
- This is what Yehowah of armies has said; With true justice do your judging, and carry on with one another **loving-kindness** and mercies. (**Zechariah 7:9**)
- As the proverb says: The desirable thing in earthling man is his **loving-kindness**, and it brings him rich rewards.
- The desirable thing in earthling man is his **loving-kindness**, and one of little means is better than a lying man. (**Proverbs 19:22**)
- A man of **loving-kindness** is dealing rewardingly with his own soul, but the cruel person is bringing ostracism upon his own organism. (**Proverbs 11:17**)
- God remembered and was pleased with the **loving-kindness** shown during Israel's youth.
- Go, and you must call out in the ears of Jerusalem, saying; This is what Yehowah has said; I well remember, on your part, the **loving-kindness** of your youth, the love during your being engaged to marry, your walking after me in the wilderness, in a land not sown with seed. (**Jeremiah 2:2**)
- But when it became like the morning clouds and like the dew that early goes away, Yehowah was not pleased, for in **loving-kindness** I have taken delight, and not in sacrifice, he says.
- What shall I do to you, O Ephraim? What shall I do to you, O Judah, when the **loving-kindness** of you people is like the morning clouds and like the dew that early goes away? (**Hosea 6:4**)

- For in **loving-kindness** I have taken delight, and not in sacrifice, and in the knowledge of God rather than in whole burnt offerings. (**Hosea 6:6**)
- Lacking **loving-kindness**, Israel was reprov'd, the reproof itself actually being a **loving-kindness** on God's part.
- Hear the word of Yehowah, O sons of Israel, for Yehowah has a legal case with the inhabitants of the land, for there is no truth nor **loving-kindness** nor knowledge of God in the land. (**Hosea 4:1**)
- Should the righteous one strike me, it would be a **loving-kindness**, and should he reprove me, it would be oil upon the head, which my head would not want to refuse. For still there would be even my prayer during their calamities. (**Psalms 141:5**)
- Israel was also advised to return to God by demonstrating **loving-kindness** and justice.
- And as respects you, to your God you should return, keeping **loving-kindness** and justice, and let there be a hoping in your God constantly. (**Hosea 12:6**)
- Such traits should be manifest at all times if one is to find favor in the sight of God and man.
- As regards anyone who withholds **loving-kindness** from his own fellow, he will also leave off even the fear of the Almighty. (**Job 6:14**)
- May **loving-kindness** and trueness themselves not leave you. Tie them about your throat. Write them upon the tablet of your heart. (**Proverbs 3:3**)
- And so find favor and good insight in the eyes of God and of earthling man. (**Proverbs 3:4**)
- Instances in the Bible are numerous where individuals showed **loving-kindness** toward others. Sarah, for example, showed such **loyal love** toward her husband when they were in enemy territory, protecting him by saying he was her brother.
- 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**)

- **Jacob asked Joseph to exercise the same toward him by promising not to bury him in Egypt.**
- **Gradually the days approached for Israel to die. So he called his son Joseph and said to him; If, now, I have found favor in your eyes, place your hand, please, under my thigh, and you must exercise **loving-kindness** and trustworthiness toward me. Please, do not bury me in Egypt. (**Genesis 47:29**)**
- **And his sons proceeded to do for him exactly as he had commanded them. (**Genesis 50:12**)**
- **So his sons carried him into the land of Canaan and buried him in the cave of the field of Machpelah, the field that Abraham had purchased for the possession of a burial place from Ephron the Hittite in front of Mamre. (**Genesis 50:13**)**
- **Rahab requested that the Israelites show her **loving-kindness** by preserving her household alive, even as she had similarly treated the Israelite spies.**
- **And now, please, swear to me by Yehowah that, because I have exercised **loving-kindness** toward you, you also will certainly exercise loving-kindness toward the household of my father, and you must give me a trustworthy sign. (**Joshua 2:12**)**
- **And you must preserve alive my father and my mother and my brothers and my sisters and all who belong to them, and you must deliver our souls from death. (**Joshua 2:13**)**
- **Boaz commended Ruth for exercising it.**
- **At that he said; Blessed may you be of Yehowah, my daughter. You have expressed your **loving-kindness** better in the last instance than in the first instance, in not going after the young fellows whether lowly or rich. (**Ruth 3:10**)**
- **And Jonathan asked David to show it toward him and his household.**

- And will you not, if I shall be still alive, yes, will you not exercise the **loving-kindness** of Yehowah toward me, that I may not die? (**1 Samuel 20:14**)
- And you will not cut off your own **loving-kindness** from being with my household to time indefinite. Nor, when Yehowah cuts off the enemies of David, every one from the surface of the ground. (**1 Samuel 20:15**)
- And the king went on to say; Is there nobody of the house of Saul anymore, that I may exercise toward him the **loving-kindness** of God? At this Ziba said to the king; There is yet a son of Jonathan, lame in the feet. (**2 Samuel 9:3**)
- Then the king said to him; Where is he? So Ziba said to the king; Look! He is in the house of Machir the son of Ammiel at Lo-debar. (**2 Samuel 9:4**)
- Immediately King David sent and took him from the house of Machir the son of Ammiel at Lo-debar. (**2 Samuel 9:5**)
- When Mephibosheth the son of Jonathan the son of Saul came in to David, he at once fell upon his face and prostrated himself. Then David said; Mephibosheth! To which he said; Here is your servant. (**2 Samuel 9:6**)
- And David went on to say to him; Do not be afraid, for without fail I shall exercise **loving-kindness** toward you for the sake of Jonathan your father, and I must return to you all the field of Saul your grandfather, and you yourself will eat bread at my table constantly. (**2 Samuel 9:7**)
- The motives and circumstances that prompt persons to show **kindness** or **loving-kindness** vary a great deal. Incidental acts of kindness may reflect customary hospitality or a tendency toward warm-heartedness, yet may not necessarily indicate godliness.
- Now as it was decided for us to sail away to Italy, they proceeded to hand both Paul and certain other prisoners over to an army officer named Julius of the band of Augustus. (**Acts of Apostles 27:1**)
- And the next day we landed at Sidon, and Julius treated Paul

- with **human kindness** and permitted him to go to his friends and enjoy their care. (**Acts of Apostles 27:3**)
- And when we had made it to safety, then we learned that the island was called Malta. (**Acts of Apostles 28:1**)
 - And the foreign-speaking people showed us extraordinary **human kindness**, for they kindled a fire and received all of us helpfully because of the rain that was falling and because of the cold. (**Acts of Apostles 28:2**)
 - In the case of a certain man belonging to the city of Bethel, the **kindness** offered him really was in payment for favors expected of him in return.
 - Meantime the house of Joseph itself also went up against Bethel, and Yehowah was with them. (**Judges 1:22**)
 - And the house of Joseph began to spy on Bethel, incidentally, the name of the city before that was Luz. (**Judges 1:23**)
 - And the watchers got to see a man going out of the city. So they said to him; Show us, please, the way to get into the city, and we shall certainly exercise **kindness** toward you. (**Judges 1:24**)
 - Accordingly the man showed them the way to get into the city, and they went striking the city with the edge of the sword, but the man and all his family they let go. (**Judges 1:25**)
 - At other times acts of **loving-kindness** were requested of recipients of past favors, perhaps because of the dire circumstances of the petitioner.
 - Then Joseph said to him; This is its interpretation, the three twigs are three days. (**Genesis 40:12**)
 - In three days from now Pharaoh will lift up your head and he will certainly return you to your office, and you will certainly give Pharaoh's cup into his hand, according to the former custom when you acted as his cupbearer. (**Genesis 40:13**)
 - Nevertheless, you must keep me in your remembrance as soon as it goes well with you, and you must, please, perform **loving-kindness** with me and mention me to Pharaoh, and you must get

me out of this house. ([Genesis 40:14](#))

- For I was in fact kidnapped from the land of the Hebrews, and here also I have done nothing at all for which they should put me in the prison hole. ([Genesis 40:15](#))
- But sometimes persons failed to pay such debts of **loving-kindness**.
- However, the chief of the cupbearers did not remember Joseph and went on forgetting him. ([Genesis 40:23](#))
- And they did not exercise **loving-kindness** toward the household of Jerubbaal, Gideon, in return for all the goodness that he had exercised toward Israel. ([Judges 8:35](#))
- As the proverb shows, a multitude of men will proclaim their **loving-kindness**, but few are faithful to carry it out.
- A multitude of men will proclaim each one his own **loving-kindness**, but a faithful man who can find? ([Proverbs 20:6](#))
- Saul and David both remembered the **loving-kindness** that others had shown
- Meanwhile Saul said to the Kenites; Go depart, go down from the midst of the Amalekites, that I may not sweep you away with them. As for you, you exercised **loving-kindness** with all the sons of Israel at the time of their coming up out of Egypt. So the Kenites departed from the midst of Amalek. ([1 Samuel 15:6](#))
- After that Saul went striking down Amalek from Havilah as far as Shur, which is in front of Egypt. ([1 Samuel 15:7](#))
- Hence David sent messengers to the men of Jabesh-gilead and said to them; Blessed may you be of Yehowah, because you exercised this **loving-kindness** toward your lord, toward Saul, in that you buried him. ([2 Samuel 2:5](#))
- And now may Yehowah exercise toward you **loving-kindness** and trustworthiness, and I too shall exercise to you this goodness because you have done this thing. ([2 Samuel 2:6](#))

- And it seems that the kings of Israel gained some sort of reputation for **loving-kindness**.
- So his servants said to him; Here, now, we have heard that the kings of the house of Israel are kings of **loving-kindness**. Please, let us carry sackcloth upon our loins and ropes upon our heads, and let us go out to the king of Israel. Perhaps he will preserve your soul alive. (1 Kings 20:31)
- Perhaps in comparison with the pagan rulers. However, on one occasion David's display of **loving-kindness** was rebuffed through a misinterpretation of the motives behind it.
- At this David said; I shall exercise **loving-kindness** toward Hanun the son of Nahash, just as his father exercised loving-kindness toward me. Accordingly David sent by means of his servants to comfort him over his father, and the servants of David proceeded to come into the land of the sons of Ammon. (2 Samuel 10:2)
- However, the princes of the sons of Ammon said to Hanun their lord; Is David honoring your father in your eyes in that he has sent to you comforters? Is it not for the sake of searching through the city and to spy it out and to overthrow it that David has sent his servants to you? (2 Samuel 10:3)
- So Hanun took the servants of David and shaved off half their beards and cut their garments in half to their buttocks and sent them away. (2 Samuel 10:4)
- Law, Paul says, was not made for righteous persons but for bad people, who, among other things, are lacking in **loving-kindness**.
- In the knowledge of this fact, that Law is promulgated, not for a righteous man, but for persons lawless and unruly, ungodly and sinners, lacking **loving-kindness**, and profane, murderers of fathers and murderers of mothers, manslayers. (1 Timothy 1:9)
- The **Greek** word *a-no'si-os*, here rendered, **lacking loving-kindness**, also has the sense of **disloyal**.
- For men will be lovers of themselves, lovers of money, self-assuming, haughty, blasphemers, disobedient to parents, unthankful, **disloyal**. (2 Timothy 3:2)

· Undeserved Kindness

- The **Greek** word *kha'ris* occurs more than 150 times in the Greek Scriptures and is rendered in a variety of ways, depending on the context. In all instances the central idea of *kha'ris* is preserved that which is agreeable.
- For if someone, because of conscience toward God, bears up under grievous things and suffers unjustly, this is an **agreeable thing**. (1 Peter 2:19)
- For what merit is there in it if, when you are sinning and being slapped, you endure it? But if, when you are doing good and you suffer, you endure it, this is a **thing agreeable** with God. (1 Peter 2:20)
- **And winsome.**
- And they all began to give favorable witness about him and to marvel at the **winsome** words proceeding out of his mouth, and they were saying; This is a son of Joseph, is it not? (Luke 4:22)
- **By extension, in some instances it refers to a kind gift.**
- But when I get there, whatever men you approve of by letters, these I shall send to carry your **kind gift** to Jerusalem. (1 Corinthians 16:3)
- Not only that, but he was also appointed by the congregations to be our traveling companion in connection with this **kind gift** to be administered by us for the glory of the Lord and in proof of our ready mind. (2 Corinthians 8:19)
- **Or the kind manner of the giving.**
- While they of their own accord kept begging us with much entreaty for the privilege of **kindly giving** and for a share in the ministry destined for the holy ones. (2 Corinthians 8:4)
- This led us to encourage Titus that, just as he had been the one to initiate it among you, so too he should complete this same **kind giving** on your part. (2 Corinthians 8:6)

- **At other times it has reference to the credit, gratitude, or thankfulness that an especially **kind** act calls forth.**
- **And if you love those loving you, of what credit is it to you? For even the sinners love those loving them. (Luke 6:32)**
- **And if you do good to those doing good to you, really of what credit is it to you? Even the sinners do the same. (Luke 6:33)**
- **Also, if you lend without interest to those from whom you hope to receive, of what credit is it to you? Even sinners lend without interest to sinners that they may get back as much. (Luke 6:34)**
- **But thanks to God that you were the slaves of sin but you became obedient from the heart to that form of teaching to which you were handed over. (Romans 6:17)**
- **If I am partaking with thanks, why am I to be spoken of abusively over that for which I give thanks? (1 Corinthians 10:30)**
- **But thanks to God, for he gives us the victory through our Lord Jesus Christ! (1 Corinthians 15:57)**
- **But thanks be to God who always leads us in a triumphal procession in company with the Christ and makes the odor of the knowledge of him perceptible through us in every place! (2 Corinthians 2:14)**
- **Now thanks be to God for putting the same earnestness for you in the heart of Titus. (2 Corinthians 8:16)**
- **Thanks be to God for his indescribable free gift. (2 Corinthians 9:15)**
- **I am grateful to Christ Jesus our Lord, who imparted power to me, because he considered me faithful by assigning me to a ministry. (1 Timothy 1:12)**
- **I am grateful to God, to whom I am rendering sacred service as my forefathers did and with a clean conscience, that I never leave off remembering you in my supplications, night and day (2 Timothy 1:3)**

- On the other hand, in the great majority of occurrences, *kha'ris*, is rendered, **grace** by most English Bible translators. The word **grace**, however, with some 14 different meanings does not convey to most readers the ideas contained in the **Greek** word. To illustrate. In;
- So the Word became flesh and resided among us, and we had a view of his glory, a glory such as belongs to an only-begotten son from a father, and he was full of **undeserved kindness** and truth. (**John 1:14**)
- Where the **King James Version** says the Word was made flesh full of grace and truth, what is meant? Does it mean gracefulness, or favor, or what?
- Scholar **R. C. Trench**, in **Synonyms of the New Testament**, says *kha'ris* implies a favor freely done, without claim or expectation of return the word being thus predisposed to receive its new emphasis, as given it in the Christian writings, to set forth the entire and absolute freeness of the loving-kindness of God to men.
- Thus Aristotle, defining *kha'ris*, lays the whole stress on this very point, that it is conferred freely, with no expectation of return, and finding its only motive in the bounty and free-heartedness of the giver. [London, 1961, p. 158] **Joseph H. Thayer** in his lexicon says:
- The word *kha'ris* contains the idea of *kindness which bestows upon one what he has not deserved* the N.T. writers use *kha'ris* pre-eminently of that kindness by which God bestows favors even upon the ill-deserving, and grants to sinners the pardon of their offences, and bids them accept of eternal salvation through Christ. [A Greek-English Lexicon of the New Testament, 1889, p. 666]
- Kha'ris* is closely related to another **Greek** word, *kha'ri-sma*, concerning which **William Barclays New Testament Wordbook** [1956, p. 29] says: The whole basic idea of the word *kha'ri-sma* is that of a free and undeserved gift, of something given to a man unearned and unmerited. [Int]
- You also can help along by your supplication for us, in order, that thanks may be given by many in our behalf for what is **kindly given** to us due to many prayerful faces. (**2 Corinthians 1:11**)
- When *kha'ris* is used in the above sense, in reference to **kindness** bestowed on one who does not deserve it, as is true with the

kindnesses extended by Yehowah, **undeserved kindness** is a very good English equivalent for the Greek expression.

- Paul selected Silas and went off after he had been entrusted by the brothers to the **undeserved kindness** of Yehowah. (**Acts of Apostles 15:40**)
- Further, because he was desiring to go across into Achaia, the brothers wrote the disciples, exhorting them to receive him kindly. So when he got there, he greatly helped those who had believed on account of God's **undeserved kindness**. (**Acts of Apostles 18:27**)
- In proportion as each one has received a gift, use it in ministering to one another as fine stewards of God's **undeserved kindness** expressed in various ways. (**1 Peter 4:10**)
- But, after you have suffered a little while, the God of all **undeserved kindness**, who called you to his everlasting glory in union with Christ, will himself finish your training, he will make you firm, he will make you strong. (**1 Peter 5:10**)
- Through Silvanus, a faithful brother, as I account him, I have written you in few words, to give encouragement and an earnest witness that this is the true **undeserved kindness** of God, in which stand firm. (**1 Peter 5:12**)
- A worker is entitled to what he has worked for, his pay, he expects his wages as a right, as a debt owed him, and payment of it is no gift or special **undeserved kindness**.
- Now to the man that works the pay is counted, not as an **undeserved kindness**, but as a debt. (**Romans 4:4**)
- But for sinners condemned to death, and we are all born as such, to be released from that condemnation and to be declared righteous, this is indeed **kindness** that is totally **undeserved**.
- For all have sinned and fall short of the glory of God. (**Romans 3:23**)
- And it is as a free gift that they are being declared righteous by his **undeserved kindness** through the release by the ransom paid by Christ Jesus. (**Romans 3:24**)

- For if by the trespass of the one man death ruled as king through that one, much more will those who receive the abundance of the **undeserved kindness** and of the free gift of righteousness rule as kings in life through the one person, Jesus Christ. (**Romans 5:17**)
- If it is argued that those born under the Law covenant arrangement were under a greater condemnation to death, because such covenant showed them up as sinners, then it should be remembered that greater **undeserved kindness** was extended to the Jews in that salvation was first offered to them.
- Now the Law came in beside in order, that trespassing might abound. But where sin abounded, **undeserved kindness** abounded still more. (**Romans 5:20**)
- To what end? That, just as sin ruled as king with death, likewise also **undeserved kindness** might rule as king through righteousness with everlasting life in view through Jesus Christ our Lord. (**Romans 5:21**)
- For I am not ashamed of the Good News. It is, in fact, God's power for salvation to everyone having faith, to the Jew first and also to the Greek. (**Romans 1:16**)
- This special manifestation of **undeserved kindness** on God's part toward mankind in general was the release by ransom from condemnation through the blood of Yehowah's beloved Son, Christ Jesus.
- By means of him we have the release by ransom through the blood of that one, yes, the forgiveness of our trespasses, according to the riches of his **undeserved kindness**. (**Ephesians 1:7**)
- But God, who is rich in mercy, for his great love with which he loved us. (**Ephesians 2:4**)
- Made us alive together with the Christ, even when we were dead in trespasses, by **undeserved kindness** you have been saved. (**Ephesians 2:5**)
- And he raised us up together and seated us together in the heavenly places in union with Christ Jesus. (**Ephesians 2:6**)

- That in the coming systems of things there might be demonstrated the surpassing riches of his **undeserved kindness** in his graciousness toward us in union with Christ Jesus. (**Ephesians 2:7**)
- By means of this **undeserved kindness** God brings salvation to all sorts of men.
- For the **undeserved kindness** of God which brings salvation to all sorts of men has been manifested. (**Titus 2:11**)
- Something that the prophets had spoken about.
- Concerning this very salvation a diligent inquiry and a careful search were made by the prophets who prophesied about the **undeserved kindness** meant for you. (**1 Peter 1:10**)
- Paul's reasoning and argument, therefore, is sound.
- Now if it is by **undeserved kindness**, it is no longer due to works, otherwise, the **undeserved kindness** no longer proves to be undeserved kindness. (**Romans 11:6**)
- Paul, more than any other writer, mentioned God's **undeserved kindness** more than 90 times in his 14 letters. He mentions the **undeserved kindness** of God or of Jesus in the opening salutation of all his letters with the exception of Hebrews, and in the closing remarks of each letter, without exception, he again speaks of it.
- Other Bible writers make similar reference in the opening and closing of their writings.
- According to the foreknowledge of God the Father, with sanctification by the spirit, for the purpose of their being obedient and sprinkled with the blood of Jesus Christ; May **undeserved kindness** and peace be increased to you. (**1 Peter 1:2**)
- May **undeserved kindness** and peace be increased to you by an accurate knowledge of God and of Jesus our Lord. (**2 Peter 1:2**)
- No, but go on growing in the **undeserved kindness** and knowledge of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ. To him be the

glory both now and to the day of eternity. (2 Peter 3:18)

- There will be with us **undeserved kindness**, mercy and peace from God the Father and from Jesus Christ the Son of the Father, with truth and love. (2 John 1:3)
- John to the seven congregations that are in the district of Asia. May you have **undeserved kindness** and peace from, The One who is and who was and who is coming, and from the seven spirits that are before his throne. (Revelation 1:4)
- May the **undeserved kindness** of the Lord Jesus Christ be with the holy ones. (Revelation 22:21)
- Paul had every reason for emphasizing Yehowah's **undeserved kindness**, for he had formerly been a blasphemer and a persecutor and an insolent man. Nevertheless, he explains, I was shown mercy, because I was ignorant and acted with a lack of faith.
- Although formerly I was a blasphemer and a persecutor and an insolent man. Nevertheless, I was shown mercy, because I was ignorant and acted with a lack of faith. (1 Timothy 1:13)
- But the **undeserved kindness** of our Lord abounded exceedingly along with faith and love that is in connection with Christ Jesus. (1 Timothy 1:14)
- But by God's **undeserved kindness** I am what I am. And his undeserved kindness that was toward me did not prove to be in vain, but I labored in excess of them all, yet not I but the undeserved kindness of God that is with me. (1 Corinthians 15:10)
- Paul did not spurn such **undeserved kindness**, as some have foolishly done.
- My reason is that certain men have slipped in who have long ago been appointed by the Scriptures to this judgment, ungodly men, turning the **undeserved kindness** of our God into an excuse for loose conduct and proving false to our only Owner and Lord, Jesus Christ. (Jude 1:4)
- But he gladly accepted it with thanksgiving and urged others also who accept it not to miss its purpose.

- **Nevertheless, I do not make my soul of any account as dear to me, if only I may finish my course and the ministry that I received of the Lord Jesus, to bear thorough witness to the Good News of the **undeserved kindness** of God. (Acts of Apostles 20:24)**
- **I do not shove aside the **undeserved kindness** of God, for if righteousness is through Law, Christ actually died for nothing. (Galatians 2:21)**
- **Working together with him, we also entreat you not to accept the **undeserved kindness** of God and miss its purpose. (2 Corinthians 6:1)**