

God's Kindness is Better Than Life



Psalms 63:3, "Because thy lovingkindness *is* better than life, my lips shall praise thee."

I. But More Than That – God's Kindness is:

A. Great

Nehemiah 9:17, "And refused to obey, neither were mindful of thy wonders that thou didst among them; but hardened their necks, and in their rebellion appointed a captain to return to their bondage: but thou *art* a God ready to pardon, gracious and merciful, slow to anger, and of great kindness, and forsookest them not."

B. Excellent

Psalms 36:7a, "How **excellent** *is* thy lovingkindness, O God!..."

C. Trustworthy

Psalms 36:7, "How excellent *is* thy lovingkindness, O God! therefore the children of men **put their trust** under the shadow of thy wings."

D. Good

Psalms 69:16, "Hear me, O LORD; for thy lovingkindness *is* **good**: turn unto me according to the multitude of thy tender mercies."

E. Marvelous

Psalms 17:7, "Shew thy **marvellous** lovingkindness, O thou that savest by thy right hand them which put their trust *in thee* from those that rise up *against them*."

Psalms 31:21, "Blessed be the LORD: for he hath shewed me his **marvellous** kindness in a strong city."

F. Many Faceted

Isaiah 63:7, "I will mention the lovingkindnesses of the LORD, *and* the praises of the LORD, according to all that the LORD hath bestowed on us, and the great goodness toward the house of Israel, which he hath bestowed on them according to his mercies, and according to the **multitude** of his lovingkindnesses."

G. Everlasting

Isaiah 54:8, "In a little wrath I hid my face from thee for a moment; but with **everlasting** kindness will I have mercy on thee, saith the LORD thy Redeemer."

H. Merciful

Psalms 117:2, "For his **merciful** kindness is great toward us: and the truth of the LORD *endureth* for ever. Praise ye the LORD."

I. Enjoyed by God

Jeremiah 9:24, "But let him that glorieth glory in this, that he understandeth and knoweth me, that I *am* the LORD which exercise lovingkindness, judgment, and righteousness, in the earth: **for in these things I delight**, saith the LORD."

II. We Need to Understand the Loving Kindness of God.

Psalms 107:43, "Whoso *is* wise, and will observe these *things*, even they shall understand the **lovingkindness** of the LORD."

God's People are:

A. Betrothed in Lovingkindness

Hosea 2:19, "And I will **betroth** thee unto me for ever; yea, I will **betroth** thee unto me in righteousness, and in judgment, and in lovingkindness, and in mercies."

B. Drawn to Him

Jeremiah 31:3, "The LORD hath appeared of old unto me, *saying*, Yea, I have loved thee with an everlasting love: therefore with lovingkindness **have I drawn thee.**"

C. Preserved

Psalms 119:88, "**Quicken** me after thy lovingkindness; so shall I keep the testimony of thy mouth."

Psalms 40:11, "Withhold not thou thy tender mercies from me, O LORD: let thy lovingkindness and thy truth continually **preserve** me."

D. Comforted

Psalms 119:76, "Let, I pray thee, thy merciful kindness be for my **comfort**, according to thy word unto thy servant."

E. Shown Mercy

Psalms 51:1, "**Have mercy** upon me, O God, according to thy lovingkindness: according unto the multitude of thy tender mercies blot out my transgressions."

Isaiah 54:8, "In a little wrath I hid my face from thee for a moment; but with everlasting kindness **will I have mercy** on thee, saith the LORD thy Redeemer."

F. Listened To

Psalms 119:149, "**Hear my voice** according unto thy lovingkindness: O LORD, quicken me according to thy judgment."

G. Rescued

Psalms 42:6-8, "6 O my God, my soul is cast down within me: therefore will I remember thee from the land of Jordan, and of the Hermonites, from the hill Mizar. 7 Deep calleth unto deep at the noise of thy waterspouts: all thy waves and thy **billows are gone over me.** 8 Yet the LORD will command **his lovingkindness in the daytime, and in the night his song shall be with me,** and my prayer unto the God of my life."

H. Crowned

Psalms 103:3-4, "3 Who forgiveth all thine iniquities; who healeth all thy diseases; 4 Who redeemeth thy life from destruction; who **crowneth thee with lovingkindness** and tender mercies;"

I. Not Forsaken

Psalms 89:33, "Nevertheless my lovingkindness **will I not utterly take from him, nor suffer my faithfulness to fail.**"

Isaiah 54:10, "For the mountains shall depart, and the hills be removed; **but my kindness shall not depart from thee,** neither shall the covenant of my peace be removed, saith the LORD that hath mercy on thee."

III. God's People Need to be Mindful of His Loving Kindness

Psalms 26:3, "For thy lovingkindness *is before mine eyes:* and I have walked in thy truth."

Psalms 48:9, "**We have thought of thy lovingkindness,** O God, in the midst of thy temple."

A. Remembered

Psalms 25:6, "**Remember,** O LORD, thy tender mercies and thy lovingkindnesses; for they *have been* ever of old."

B. Sought

Psalms 89:49, "Lord, **where are thy former lovingkindnesses,** *which* thou swarest unto David in thy truth?"

Psalms 36:10, "**O continue thy lovingkindness unto them that know thee;** and thy righteousness to the upright in heart."

C. Prayed For

Psalms 17:7, "**Shew thy marvellous lovingkindness,** O thou that savest by thy right hand them which put their trust *in thee* from those that rise up *against them.*"

D. Listened For

Psalms 143:8, "**Cause me to hear thy lovingkindness** in the morning; for in thee do I trust: cause me to know the way wherein I should walk; for I lift up my soul unto thee."

E. Praised

Psalms 138:2, "I will worship toward thy holy temple, and **praise thy name for thy lovingkindness** and for thy truth: for thou hast magnified thy word above all thy name."

F. Shown Forth

Psalms 92:2, "To **shew forth thy lovingkindness** in the morning, and thy faithfulness every night,"

G. Proclaimed

Psalms 40:10, "I have not hid thy righteousness within my heart; **I have declared thy faithfulness and thy salvation: I have not concealed thy lovingkindness** and thy truth from the great congregation."

IV. In the New Testament, This Kindness is Expressed in Jesus Christ.

Titus 3:4-6, “4 But after that the kindness and love of God our Saviour toward man appeared, 5 Not by works of righteousness which we have done, but according to his mercy he saved us, by the washing of regeneration, and renewing of the Holy Ghost; 6 Which he shed on us abundantly through Jesus Christ our Saviour;”

Ephesians 2:7, “That in the ages to come he might shew the exceeding riches of his grace in *his kindness toward us through Christ Jesus.*”

CONCLUSION:

It is God's lovingkindness that motivates God to bless us. In turn, His lovingkindness should cause us to be thankful to Him; to praise His name and it should be imitated. When one thinks upon the lovingkindness of God, he can testify like David did in **Psalms 63**.

If you never meditate on God's kindness you'll never have the relationship with God that would allow you to truthfully compose a Psalm like the 63rd Psalm.

Be sure and read it.