



Show Me  
*Your  
Glory*

Message 3

Merciful

## Exodus 33:18-19

18 And he said, "Please, show me Your glory."

19 Then He said, "I will make all My goodness pass before you, and I will proclaim the name of the LORD before you. I will be gracious to whom I will be gracious, and I will have compassion on whom I will have compassion."

(then God gave Moses a mind-blowing experience)

## Exodus 34:6-7

6 And the LORD passed before him and proclaimed, "The LORD, the LORD God, merciful and gracious, longsuffering, and abounding in goodness and truth,

7 "keeping mercy for thousands, forgiving iniquity and transgression and sin, by no means clearing the guilty, visiting the iniquity of the fathers upon the children and the children's children to the third and the fourth generation."

# God Reveals His Name

Name = Character, Nature

- Merciful
- Gracious
- Longsuffering
- Abounding in Goodness
- Abounding in Truth
- Forgiving
- Just



(and Jesus is the proof)

## Why is this so important?

- Your view of God, ultimately directs how you treat people.
- Your understanding of God will greatly shape the kind of person you become.

### 2 Corinthians 3:18

But we all, with unveiled face, beholding as in a mirror the glory of the Lord, are being transformed into the same image from glory to glory, just as by the Spirit of the Lord.

God  
is  
Merciful

Exodus  
34:6

Merciful = compassion

God is full of  
compassion!

Many believe just the  
opposite...

God is full of anger!

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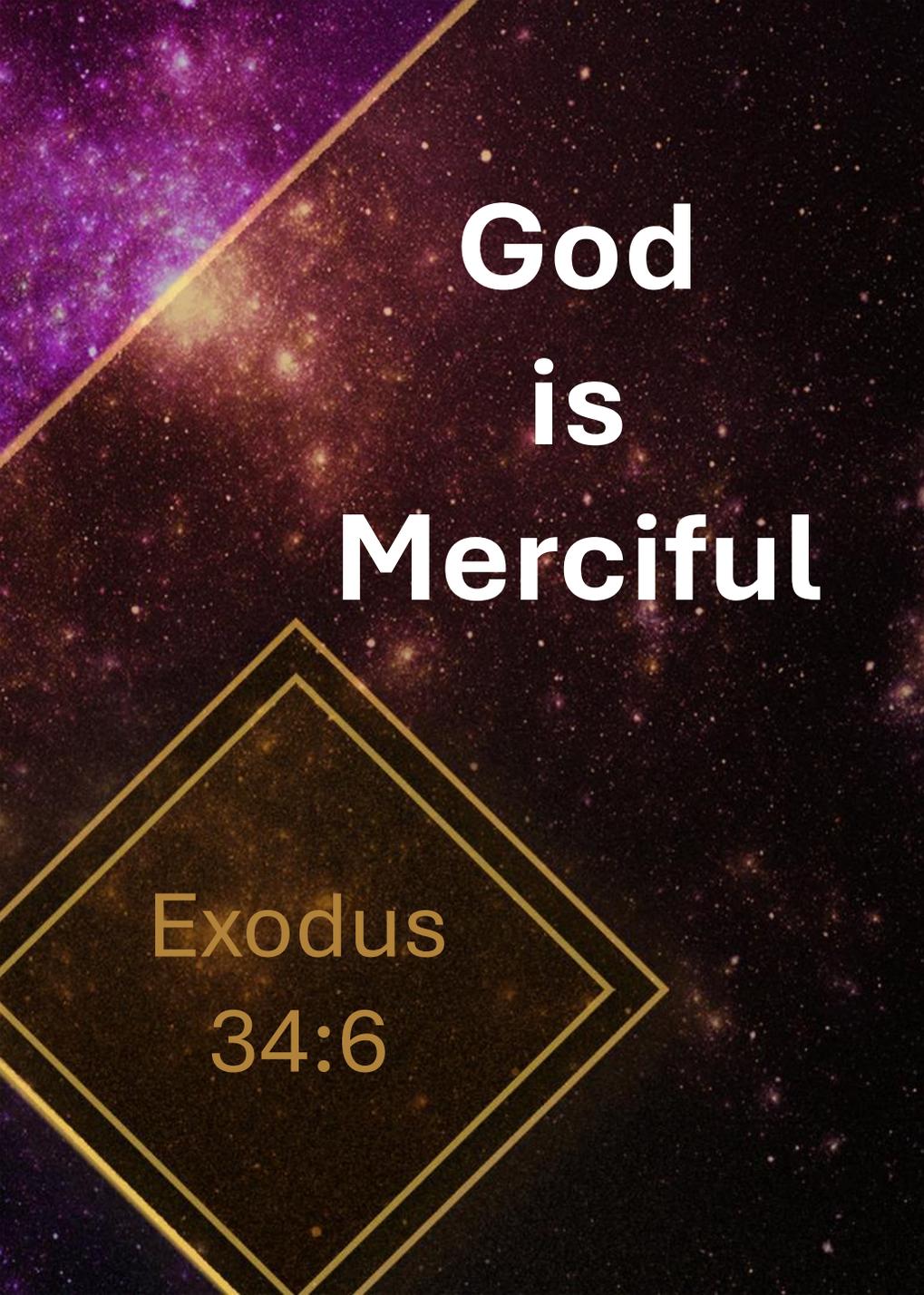
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Word Picture =  
Related to “womb”

Speaks of the innermost part  
of someone,  
the core, the gut

**Bowels of mercy  
Bowels of compassion**

**Mercy & compassion are at  
the core of who God is!**



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This explains how God is able to put up with a stubborn, **rebellious**, stiff-necked, **sinful**, unfaithful people like Israel, like you, like me.

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**If people knew this, they would run to God and not away from Him.**

**When does a person need mercy?**

**Would you rather have mercy or  
would you rather get what you  
deserve?**

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**At the center of all reality is a God  
who is full of mercy (compassion),  
grace & love!**

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**Psalm 78:37-39**

**Psalm 103:13**

**Psalm 145:8-9**

**Isaiah 49:13-15**

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## Lamentations 3:21-24

**21 This I recall to my mind, therefore I have hope.**

**22 Through the LORD'S mercies we are not consumed, because His compassions fail not.**

**23 They are new every morning; Great is Your faithfulness.**

**24 "The LORD is my portion," says my soul, "Therefore I hope in Him!"**

Jeremiah recalled some very specific things...

- **The LORD's mercies**
  - The reason we are not consumed
- **The LORD's compassions**
  - They never fail
- **The LORD's faithfulness**
  - God will always be faithful, even if we are not.

# The Idea of Compassion

- **You see someone in need and your heart fills with love and a desire to help.**
  - “my heart goes out to them”
  - This is that gut feeling thing
  - You are moved to do something.

**What do you do when you feel this way?**

**This is one of the ways the Holy Spirit stirs us to action.**

# The Idea of Compassion

- God sees you and His heart leaps out towards you to help you.
- God sees you and is stirred to help you.
- But what if it's a mess I've made myself – yes God is willing to roll up His sleeves, dive in and help you. That's the case here in Lamentations.

God's mercies & compassions for you are...  
"new every morning"

- God falls in love with you in a fresh way every day.
- The LORD's tender love is always leaping out towards you.

## Jesus – Matthew 9:36

But when He saw the multitudes, He was **moved with compassion** for them, because they were weary and scattered, like sheep having no shepherd.

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## Matthew 9:11-13

11 And when the Pharisees saw it, they said to His disciples, "Why does your Teacher eat with tax collectors and sinners?"

12 When Jesus heard that, He said to them, "Those who are well have no need of a physician, but those who are sick.

13 "But go and **learn** what this means: 'I desire **mercy** and **not sacrifice**.' For I did not come to call the righteous, but sinners, to repentance."

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# The Cross is the greatest expression of the mercy of God!

## Romans 5:6-8

6 For when we were still without strength, in due time Christ died for the ungodly.

7 For scarcely for a righteous man will one die; yet perhaps for a good man someone would even dare to die.

8 But God demonstrates His own love toward us, in that while we were still sinners, Christ died for us.

**God is Merciful! Jesus proves it!**