

Understanding God's *hesed*

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*hesed* (\**chesed*)  
= lovingkindness;  
loyalty;  
mercy;  
faithful goodness

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Psalm 136 ~ 26x  
“...for his mercy (*chesed*) endureth for ever.”

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*hesed* (\**chesed*)  
Psalm 23:6  
Sure goodness and *hesed* shall follow me all the  
days of my life...

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Lam. 3:22-23  
It is of the LORD's **steadfast love (mercies)** that we  
are not consumed, because his compassions fail  
not. They are new every morning: great is thy  
faithfulness.

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The Book of Ruth

Theme:  
 Divine loyal love in the midst of bleakness  
 ~ Hope in God's loyal love!

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*hesed* (\*chesed)

- God to Man ~ loyal covenantal love & favor
- a. Abrahamic Covenant: Genesis 24:12
- b. Sinaitic Covenant: Deut. 7:9
- c. Davidic Covenant: Ps. 89:1

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 abram  
 see the  
 father of  
 Isaac the  
 father of Jacob,  
 and Jacob the  
 father of Joseph and  
 his brothers, and  
 Joseph the father of Perez  
 and Zarah by Tamar, and  
 Perez the father of Hezron,  
 and Hezron the father of Ram,  
 and Ram the father of  
 Amramadab, and Amramadab the  
 father of Salomon, and Salomon the  
 father of David, and David the father  
 of Jesse the father of David the king, and  
 Jesse was the father of Solomon by the wife of  
 Uriah, and Solomon the father of Rehoboam, and  
 Rehoboam the father of Abiah, and Abiah the father  
 of Asaph, and Asaph the father of Jehoshaphat, and  
 Jehoshaphat the father of Joram, and Joram the father of  
 Uzziah, and Uzziah the father of Jotham, and Jotham the  
 father of Ahaz, and Ahaz the father of Hezekiah, and Hezekiah  
 the father of Manasseh, and Manasseh the father of Amon, and  
 Amon the father of Josiah, and Josiah the father of Jehoiachin and the  
 last of the kings of Judah, and Jehoiachin was the father of Shealtiel, and  
 Shealtiel the father of Zerubbabel, and Zerubbabel the father of Abiud, and  
 Abiud the father of Eliakim, and Eliakim the father of Azor, and Azor the  
 father of Josiah, and Josiah the father of Sallu, and Sallu the father of Elliel,  
 and Elliel the father of Elasar, and Elasar the father of Mattath, and Mattath  
 the father of Jacob, and Jacob the father of Joseph the husband  
 of Mary, of  
 whom was  
 born  
**JESUS**  
 who is called Christ.

Psalm 107:1-3

O give thanks unto the LORD, for he is good: for his mercy (*hesed*) endureth for ever.

Let the redeemed of the LORD say so, whom he hath redeemed from the hand of the enemy;

And gathered them out of the lands, from the east, and from the west, from the north, and from the south.

Psalm 107

- Lost wanderers are retrieved (vv. 4-9)
- Prisoners are released (vv.10-16)
- Sick restored (vv. 17-22)
- Storm-tossed are rescued (23-32)

Psalm 107:43

Whoso is wise, and will observe these things, even they shall understand the lovingkindness (*hesed*) of the LORD.

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