

His Name, His Nature



And he passed in front of Moses, proclaiming, “The LORD, the LORD, the **compassionate and gracious God, slow to anger, abounding in love and faithfulness,** maintaining love to thousands, and forgiving wickedness, rebellion and sin. Yet he does not leave the guilty unpunished; he punishes the children and their children for the sin of the parents to the third and fourth generation. **Exodus 34:6-7**

It's His Nature!

Compassionate

Gracious

Slow to anger

Abounding in love

Abounding in faithfulness

God is one

Deuteronomy 6:4 - The LORD our God, the LORD is one.

Psalms 102:27 - But you remain the same, and your years will never end.

Malachi 3:6 - I the LORD do not change...

Hebrews 13:8 - Jesus Christ is the same yesterday and today and forever.

Compassionate

The word invites us to imagine a mother's tender feeling for her baby.

1 Kings 3:16-28 - A mother deeply moved with compassion

Isaiah 49:15 - Can a woman forget her nursing child, or **lack compassion** for the son of her womb? Even if she could forget, **I will not forget you!**

Luke 13:34 - ...How often I have wanted to **gather your children together** as a hen protects her chicks beneath her wings, but you wouldn't let me.

2 Corinthians 1:3 - ...the **Father of compassion** and the **God of all comfort**.

Gracious

This is translated as grace or favor

Esther chapter 8 - The king finds favor in Esther and spares her life and the life of her people.

Genesis 33:8 - Esau said, "What do you mean by all this company that I met?" **Jacob answered, "To find favor in the sight of my lord."**

Ephesians 2:8 - **For by grace you have been saved through faith,** and that not of yourselves; *it is* the gift of God.

Slow to anger

The common Biblical Hebrew way to say that someone is angry is their nose burned hot.

Genesis 39:19 - When his master heard the story his wife told him, saying, "This is how your slave treated me," **he burned with anger.**

The Lord is slow to get angry which means He gives people lots of time to change.

Romans 1:18-32 - In God's wrath against sinful humanity, **He gives them over to their destructive desires and decisions.**

Abounding in love

This combines the idea of love, generosity and enduring commitment all into one.

Ruth demonstrates loyal love, but the one who shows the most loyal love is God.

Numbers 14:19 - In accordance with your great love, forgive the sin of these people, just as you have pardoned them from the time they left Egypt until now.

Ps 136 - We read 26 times **His love endures forever**

Abounding in faithfulness

God's faithfulness means that He is completely trustworthy, unchanging, and fully committed to doing what He has promised.

Genesis 12:1-3 - The call of Abraham and the promise to make him a great nation.

2 Samuel 7:12-13 - I will raise up your descendant after you ... and **I will establish the throne of his kingdom forever.**

Romans 15:8 - For I tell you that Christ's life of service was on behalf of the Jews, to show that **God is faithful**, to make his promises to their ancestors come true.

You are invited to trust the One that is
**compassionate, gracious, slow to
anger and overflowing with steadfast
love and faithfulness.**