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**“I AM”**

**COMPASSIONATE and GRACIOUS**



God has a character.

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*“You thought that I was just like you; I will reprove you and state [the case] in order before your eyes.”*

Psalm 50:21

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**Sometimes people  
want to slander  
God's character.**

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**God described  
His character.**

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God warned His people to protect the vulnerable in Israel because He cared about their welfare.

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God paid special attention to those who had little protection and were targets for oppression.

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# James 5:1-11

*“You have heard of the endurance of Job and have seen the outcome of the Lord’s dealings, that the Lord is full of compassion and is merciful.”*

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# Deuteronomy 4:25-31

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Even when God was the One bringing the punishment on His own people, He extended care.

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God's merciful nature was even available to the very people who had failed His covenant.

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# Psalm 78

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Recounting the history of Israel told the story of a rebellious people and a compassionate God.

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Compassion and mercy according to God's definitions means kindness toward the undeserving.

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# Joel 2:1-17

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In the face of warning concerning God's impending destruction, His mercy was still reliable.

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Remembering God's gracious nature would allow the people to repent before judgment arrived.

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# II Chronicles 30:1-12

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After a time of discipline due to unfaithfulness, God's nature of mercy was still reliable.

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God's discipline was never only for the death of the erring, but invited reconciliation.

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# Luke 6:20-36

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The character of our behavior should be a reflection of the God we follow in mercy and compassion.

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A godly character of compassion and graciousness does good even to the undeserving.

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# Colossians 3:12-14

*“So, as those who have been chosen of God, holy and beloved, put on a heart of compassion, kindness, humility, gentleness and patience...”*

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# James 2:1-13

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Extending mercy toward others prevents us from judging by using external measures.

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The kind of mercy that we desire to be shown to us in judgment should be show in our actions.

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# Matthew 5:7

*“Blessed are the merciful, for they shall receive mercy.”*

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# Hebrews 2:14-18

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God's merciful character is also demonstrated in Jesus' decision to live and die as a human.

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# Hebrews 4:14-16

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The grace and mercy demonstrated by God is still available for us who are in Christ.

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*Are you cultivating*  
**God's character**  
*in your life?*

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