

Hebrew for merciful - Racham – same root as compassion; a great tender love, pity. Connotation of tender - it comes from the depth of one's being – specifically from the womb or bowels or intestines.



Greek for mercy – eleeo - pity, to compassionate by word or deed, to help one afflicted; compassionate specifically by divine grace.

Greek for merciful - oiktirmon –tender, from the bowels



"The ready inclination of God to relieve the misery of fallen creatures."

-Arthur Pink (defining mercy)



"Mercy is God's goodness confronting human guilt and suffering."

-A.W. Tozer



"Gracious is the Lord, and righteous; our God is *merciful*."

-Psalm 116:5



"To the Lord our God belong *mercy* and forgiveness, for we have rebelled against him."

-Daniel 9:9



"When you are in tribulation, and all these things come upon you in the latter days, you will return to the Lord your God and obey His voice. For the Lord your God is a merciful God. He will not leave you or destroy you or forget the covenant with your fathers that he swore to them." -Deut. 4:30-31

"Go and proclaim these words toward the north, and say, "Return, faithless Israel, declares the Lord. I will not look on you in anger, for I am *merciful*, declares the Lord; I will not be angry forever."

-Jeremiah 3:12



"...the Lord waits to be gracious to you, and therefore He exalts Himself to show *mercy* to you. For the Lord is a God of justice; blessed are all those who wait for Him."

-Isaiah 30:18



"Behold, we consider those blessed who remained steadfast. You have heard of the steadfastness of Job, and you have seen the purpose of the Lord how the Lord is compassionate and merciful."

-James 5:11



"I appeal to you therefore brothers by the *mercies* of God, to present your bodies as a living sacrifice, holy and acceptable to God, which is your spiritual worship."

-Romans 12:1