

God's Track Record of Lovingkindness



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The prophet Isaiah often preached about God's vengeance against sin. He spoke of the day of doom and despair coming upon those living in rebellion, yet in the midst of one of his most frightening messages about the Lord's day of wrath, Isaiah stopped and cried out, "I will mention the lovingkindnesses of the Lord ... according to His mercies, according to the multitude of His lovingkindnesses" (Isaiah 63:7).

In the midst of all the sin, apostasy and rebellion in Israel, Isaiah looked deep into his own heart and recalled a revelation of what God is truly like. He essentially cried, "Lord, have pity on us and save us again. We have rebelled against you and vexed your Holy Spirit, but truly you are full of lovingkindness."

God's lovingkindness is one aspect of the Lord's character that many Christians know little about. When David looked back at God's past dealings with his beloved children, he tells us that it is possible to understand the lovingkindness of the Lord. The key to understanding this aspect of God's character was simple and uncomplicated — God extended his mercy because the people cried out to the Lord. "Hungry and thirsty, their soul fainted in them. *Then they cried out to the Lord*" (Psalm 107:5-6). When God's children wandered away from him, lost because of their sin, they cried out to him and "He sent His word and healed them" (107:20).

Once more, when God's people came to their wits' end, what did they do? "They [cried] out to the Lord in their trouble" (107:28) and he brought them out of their trouble and calmed the stormy sea.

The Lord was teaching David that he could take a look at his record of dealings with the children of Israel and discover his nature. This lesson holds true for us today. "Whoever is wise will observe these things, and they will understand the lovingkindness of the Lord" (Psalm 107:43).

You have a loving, tender Father who cares about you. He has bottled each of your tears; he has seen every need; he has known your every thought — and he loves you!

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