

Life of David

A Man After God's Own Heart

A Brief Study of Chesed

- Introduction and Definition
 - חֶסֶד (chesed)
 - ✦ unchanging love [Micah 7:18-20]
 - ✦ kindness [Gen 39:21]
 - ✦ lovingkindness [Gen 24:12-14]
 - ✦ mercy [Isa 55:3]
 - ✦ loyalty [Hosea 6:6]
 - ✦ devotion [2 Chr 32:32]
 - As you can see, the word חֶסֶד (chesed) is a very difficult word to translate into English.
 - ✦ This word definitely involves love – a deep love.
 - ✦ This word also involves loyalty and faithfulness.
 - ✦ This word could be translated “loyal love”.
 - ✦ The most common translation “lovingkindness” conveys the key meaning of love in action.
- Old Testament Uses
 - First occurrence – Lot being saved from the destruction of Sodom and Gomorrah [Gen 19:19].
 - God's lovingkindness toward Jacob [Gen 32:10].
 - Jacob's plea for kindness in his burial [Gen 47:29].
 - God's lovingkindness toward Israel [Ex 15:13].
 - God describing Himself to Moses [Ex 34:6-7].
 - Moses pleading for the Israelites [Num 14:17-19].
 - God's warning about idolatry [Deut 5:7-10].
 - Rahab's plea for kindness [Josh 2:12-14].
 - Jonathan's plea to David for lovingkindness for his house forever [1 Sam 20:13-15].
 - David's thankfulness to the men of Jabesh-gilead for burying Saul [2 Sam 2:4-6].
 - Nehemiah's intercessory prayer [Neh 1:3-7].
 - Job's acknowledgement of God's care [Job 10:12].
 - A Psalmist's desire for comfort [Ps 119:76].

- Character of the Proverbs 31 woman [Pr 31:26].
- A description of the future Millennial reign of Jesus Christ [Isa 16:5].
- God's compassion in accordance with His lovingkindness [Lam 3:21-32].
- Daniel's intercessory prayer [Dan 9:4-11].
- God's plea for the repentance of the Israelites [Joel 2:12-13].
- God's requirement of us [Micah 6:8].
- Conclusions
 - God loves with a loyal love that is interconnected with His faithfulness.
 - God's loyal love is shown through His goodness, kindness, mercy and compassion.
 - As we mature in our faith, God manifests His loyal love in us [1 John 4:9].