

Compassion and Faith

Psalm 86:15 But Thou, O Lord, art a God full of **compassion**, and **gracious**, long suffering, and plenteous in **mercy** and truth.

Psalm 103:8 *The LORD is **merciful** and **gracious**, slow to anger, and plenteous in **mercy**.*

Psalm 145:8 *The Lord is **gracious**, and full of **compassion**; slow to anger, and of great **mercy**.*

Reading: Luke 7:11-15 And it came to pass the day after, that He (Jesus) went into a city called *Nain*; and many of his disciples went with Him, and much people. Now when He came nigh to the gate of the city, behold, there was a dead man carried out, the only son of his mother, and she was a widow: and much people of the city was with her. And when the Lord saw her, He had compassion on her, and said unto her, "*Weep not*". And He came and touched the bier: and they that bare him stood still. And He said, "*Young man, I say unto thee, Arise*". And he that was dead sat up and began to speak. And He delivered him to his mother. And there came a fear on all: and they glorified God, saying, "That a great prophet is risen up among us; and, That God hath visited His people".

[*Nain is only a short distance from Shunem, where a surprisingly similar event is documented in the OT. According to the Book of Kings (II, 4:8-37), in Shunem, Elisha raised from the dead as the son of a woman who had sheltered him, Nain was a small village in Galilee, located approximately four miles from Mount Tabor and twenty-five miles southwest of Capernaum, Jesus' residence during His earthly ministry. The word Nain means "beauty" or "pleasantness." In Hebrew, Nain referred to green pastures or loveliness.*]

Hebrews 4:15 For we have *not* a high priest which *cannot* be touched with the feeling of our infirmities; but was in all points tempted like as we are, yet without sin.

Lamentations 3:22-23 It is of the Lord's mercies that we are not consumed, because His compassions fail not. They are new every morning: great is Thy faithfulness.

Psalm 103:1-5,8-12 Bless the LORD, O my soul: and all that is within me, bless His holy name. Bless the Lord, O my soul, and forget not all His benefits: Who forgives all thine iniquities; who heals all thy diseases; Who redeems thy life from destruction; who crowns thee with lovingkindness and tender mercies; Who satisfies thy mouth with good things; so that thy youth is renewed like the eagle's. **The LORD is merciful and gracious, slow to anger, and plenteous in mercy.** He will not always chide: neither will He keep His anger forever. He hath not dealt with us after our sins; nor rewarded us according to our iniquities. For as the heaven is high above the earth, so great is His mercy toward them that fear Him. As far as the east is from the west, so far hath He removed our transgressions from us.

Jude 1:17-25 But, beloved, remember ye the words which were spoken before of the apostles of our Lord Jesus Christ; How that they told you there should be mockers in the last time, who should walk after their own ungodly lusts. These be they who separate themselves, sensual, having not the Spirit. But ye, beloved, **building up** yourselves on your most holy faith, praying in the Holy Ghost, **keep yourselves** in the love of God, looking for the mercy of our Lord Jesus Christ unto eternal life. **And of some have compassion, making a difference:** And others save with fear, pulling them out of the fire; hating even the garment spotted by the flesh. Now unto Him that is able to keep you from falling, and to present you faultless before the presence of His glory with exceeding joy, To the only wise God our Saviour, be glory and majesty, dominion and power, both now and ever. Amen.

Luke 15:20 And he (prodigal son) arose and came to his father. But when he was yet a great way off, his father saw him, and had *compassion*, and ran, and fell on his neck, and kissed him.

James 5:16 Confess your faults one to another, and pray one for another, that you may be healed. The effectual fervent prayer of a righteous man/woman avails much.

Hebrews 4:16 Let us therefore come boldly unto the throne of grace, that we may obtain mercy, and find grace to help in time of need.

Romans 14

1. Him that is weak in the faith receive you, but not to doubtful disputations.
2. For one believeth that he may eat all things: another, who is weak, eats herbs.
3. Let not him that eats despise him that eats not; and let not him which eats not judge him that eats: for God hath received him.
4. Who art thou that judge another man's servant? to his own master he stands or falleth. Yea, he shall be holden up: for God is able to make him stand.
5. One man esteems one day above another: another esteems every day alike. Let every man be fully persuaded in his own mind.
6. He that regards the day, regards it unto the Lord; and he that regards not the day, to the Lord he doth not regard it. He that eats, eats to the Lord, for he giveth God thanks; and he that eats not, to the Lord he eats not, and giveth God thanks.
7. For none of us lives to himself, and no man dies to himself.
8. For whether we live, we live unto the Lord; and whether we die, we die unto the Lord: whether we live therefore, or die, we are the Lord's.
9. For to this end Christ both died, and rose, and revived, that he might be Lord both of the dead and living.
10. But why dost thou judge thy brother? or why dost thou set at nought thy brother? for we shall all stand before the judgment seat of Christ.
11. For it is written, As I live, saith the Lord, every knee shall bow to Me, and every tongue shall confess to God.
12. So then every one of us shall give account of himself to God.
13. Let us not therefore judge one another anymore: but judge this rather, that no man put a stumbling block or an occasion to fall in his brother's way.
14. I know, and am persuaded by the Lord Jesus, that there is nothing unclean of itself: but to him that esteems anything to be unclean, to him it is unclean.
15. But if thy brother be grieved with thy meat, now walk thou not charitably. Destroy not him with thy meat, for whom Christ died.
16. Let not then your good be evil spoken of:
17. For the kingdom of God is not meat and drink; but righteousness, and peace, and joy in the Holy Ghost.
18. For he that in these things serves Christ is acceptable to God and approved of men.
19. *Let us therefore follow after the things which make for peace, and things wherewith one may edify another.*
20. For meat destroy not the work of God. All things indeed are pure; but it is evil for that man who eats with offence.
21. It is good neither to eat flesh, nor to drink wine, nor any thing whereby thy brother stumbles, or is offended, or is made weak.
22. Hast thou faith? have it to thyself before God. Happy is he that condemns not himself in that thing which he allows.
23. And he that doubts is damned if he eat, because he eats not of faith: for whatsoever is not of faith is sin.

Romans 15

- 1. We then that are strong ought to bear the infirmities of the weak, and not to please ourselves.**
2. Let every one of us please his neighbour for his good to edification.
3. For even Christ pleased not Himself; but, as it is written, the reproaches of them that reproached thee fell on me.
4. For whatsoever things were written aforetime were written for our learning, that we through patience and comfort of the scriptures might have hope.
5. Now the God of patience and consolation grant you to be likeminded one toward another according to Christ Jesus:
6. That ye may with one mind and one mouth glorify God, even the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ.
- 7. Wherefore receive ye one another, as Christ also received us to the glory of God.**