

The Attributes of God
Attribute #15 – Kind / Lovingkindness

1. Kind/Loving-kindness - Is a characteristic of God in the OT. The Hebrew word *khesed*, which is rendered by the KJV as 'loving-kindness' (30 times), as 'kindness' (38 times), and as 'mercy' (145 times), is translated in the RSV chiefly as 'steadfast love' (182 times) and 'kindness' (21 times), but occasionally as 'great kindness' (Gen. 19:19) or 'loyal love' (1 Sam. 20:14).
 - A. All renderings in English only approximate the richness of the original. It contains the idea of devotion, loyalty, and covenant faithfulness.
 1. Exod. 34:6; Neh. 9:32
 2. Thus one who was loving-kind (Ps. 18:25) was a loyal devout person.
 - B. God has an affectionate attachment for his people as an expression of His love.
 1. To Joseph – Gen.39: 21
 2. To Israel – Num.14: 19
 3. To David – 2 Sam.7:15
 4. His loving-kindness is most frequently associated with His goodness to faithfully discharge His providential care.
 - a. Ex.15: 13; Psalm 6:4; 31:170 and
 - b. To provide repentance and forgiveness for sins
Psalm 51:1; Romans 2:4; 11:22; Eph.2: 7; Titus 3:4
2. The Loving-kindness of God
 - A. Is through Christ - Eph 2:7; Tit 3:4-6.
 - B. Is described as:
 1. Great. Ne 9:17.
 2. Excellent. Ps 36:7.
 3. Good. Ps 69:16.
 4. Marvelous. Ps 17:7; 31:21.
 5. Multitudinous. Isa 63:7.
 6. Everlasting. Isa 54:8.
 7. Merciful. Ps 117:2.
 8. Better than life. Ps 63:3.

C. Consideration of the loving-kindness of God produces makes one wise

1. 107:43.

D. The Saints of God are:

1. .Betrothed in loving-kindness - Ho 2:19.
2. Drawn by loving-kindness - Jer 31:3.
3. Preserved by loving-kindness - Ps 40:11.
4. Quickened after loving-kindness - Ps 119:88.
5. Comforted by loving-kindness. - Ps 119:76.
6. Look for mercy through loving-kindness - Ps 51:1.
7. Receive mercy through loving-kindness - Isa 54:8.
8. Are heard according to loving-kindness - Ps 119:149.
9. Are ever mindful of loving-kindness - Ps 26:3; 48:9.
10. Should expect, in affliction loving-kindness - Ps 42:7,8.
11. Crowned with loving-kindness - Ps 103:4.

E It is never utterly taken from saints - Ps 89:33; Isa 54:10.

3. Our Response to the Loving-kindness of God

A. We are to prayerfully remember his loving-kindness - Ps 25:6; 89:49.

B. .We are to pray for His loving-kindness

1. To demonstrate it - Ps 17:7; 143:8.
2. To continue it. Ps 36:10.
3. To extend it to others - Ge 24:12; 2Sa 2:6.
4. To praise God for it - Ps 92:2; 138:2.
5. To proclaim it - Ps 40:10.1