

Compassion and Security

To show the bond between the compassion of the Lord for humankind and our security and safety in resting in the love of God.

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- Psalm 86:15-17 - “But You, O Lord, are a God full of compassion, and gracious, Longsuffering and abundant in mercy and truth. 16 Oh, turn to me, and have mercy on me! Give Your strength to Your servant, And save the son of Your maidservant. 17 Show me a sign for good, That those who hate me may see it and be ashamed, Because You, LORD, have helped me and comforted me.”
- Neh. 9:17 - “they refused to obey, And they were not mindful of Your wonders That You did among them. But they hardened their necks, And in their rebellion They appointed a leader To return to their bondage. But You are God, Ready to pardon, Gracious and merciful, Slow to anger, Abundant in kindness, And did not forsake them.”
- Joel 2:13 - “So rend your heart, and not your garments; Return to the LORD your God, For He is gracious and merciful, Slow to anger, and of great kindness; And He relents from doing harm.”

Proof Of The Lord's Compassion

- For multitudes
 - Matt. 9:36 - “But when He saw the multitudes, He was moved with compassion for them, because they were weary and scattered, like sheep having no shepherd.”
 - Matt. 14:14 - “And when Jesus went out He saw a great multitude; and He was moved with compassion for them, and healed their sick.”
 - Matt. 15:32 - “Now Jesus called His disciples to Himself and said, I have compassion on the multitude, because they have now continued with Me three days and have nothing to eat. And I do not want to send them away hungry, lest they faint on the way.”

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- For individuals
 - Mark 1:40-41 - “Now a leper came to Him, imploring Him, kneeling down to Him and saying to Him, If You are willing, You can make me clean. 41 Then Jesus, moved with compassion, stretched out His hand and touched him, and said to him, I am willing; be cleansed.”
 - Mark 5:18-19 - “And when He got into the boat, he who had been demon-possessed begged Him that he might be with Him. 19 However, Jesus did not permit him, but said to him, Go home to your friends, and tell them what great things the Lord has done for you, and how He has had compassion on you.”

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- Luke 7:11-15 - “Now it happened, the day after, that He went into a city called Nain; and many of His disciples went with Him, and a large crowd. 12 And when He came near the gate of the city, behold, a dead man was being carried out, the only son of his mother; and she was a widow. And a large crowd from the city was with her. 13 When the Lord saw her, He had compassion on her and said to her, Do not weep. 14 Then He came and touched the open coffin, and those who carried him stood still. And He said, Young man, I say to you, arise. 15 So he who was dead sat up and began to speak. And He presented him to his mother.”

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- Matt. 20:30-34 - “And behold, two blind men sitting by the road, when they heard that Jesus was passing by, cried out, saying, Have mercy on us, O Lord, Son of David! 31 Then the multitude warned them that they should be quiet; but they cried out all the more, saying, Have mercy on us, O Lord, Son of David! 32 So Jesus stood still and called them, and said, What do you want Me to do for you? 33 They said to Him, Lord, that our eyes may be opened. 34 So Jesus had compassion and touched their eyes. And immediately their eyes received sight, and they followed Him.”

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- He then taught and prayed for them
 - Mark 6:34 - “And Jesus, when He came out, saw a great multitude and was moved with compassion for them, because they were like sheep not having a shepherd. So He began to teach them many things.”
 - Matt. 9:37-38 - “Then He said to His disciples, The harvest truly is plentiful, but the laborers are few. 38 Therefore pray the Lord of the harvest to send out laborers into His harvest.”

Proof Of The Lord's Compassion

- Five of Jesus' last words on the cross
 - Luke 23:34 - "Father, forgive them; for they know not what they do." Jesus' forgiving compassion for the mob
 - Luke 23:43 - "Assuredly, I say to you, today you will be with Me in Paradise." Jesus' compassion for a thief

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- Five of Jesus' last words on the cross
 - John 19:26-27 - “When Jesus therefore saw His mother, and the disciple whom He loved standing by, He said to His mother, Woman, behold your son! Then He said to the disciple, Behold your mother!” Jesus' compassion for his mother

Proof Of The Lord's Compassion

- Five of Jesus' last words on the cross
 - John 19:30 - "It is finished." Jesus' compassion for all men; He had fulfilled the work of redemption
 - Luke 23:46 - "Father, into thy hands I commend my spirit." Jesus' compassion and trust for the Father

Proof Of Our Security

- It is marked by Jesus' statement on the cross: "Father, forgive them; for they know not what they do."
- In his book "Last Words Of Saints And Sinners," Herbert Lockyer wrote: "The seven last sayings of the King of Kings as He died upon a cross are unparalleled for their trust and triumph, power and pathos. These final cries prove that Christ died, not merely as a Victim, but as a Victor. Through the centuries, multitudes have been inspired by His example to manifest calm resignation in the presence of death and to greet it with a triumphant smile."

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- Charles Spurgeon said: “He seems to lose sight of the fact that they were doing any wrong to Himself; it is the wrong which they were doing to the Father that is on His mind, the insult which they are paying to the Father, in the person of the Son. Christ was, through His importunity, coming between Almighty God and those who had broken away from God’s just authority, those who had offended God and rebelled and revolted against God.”
- Craig S. Keener wrote: “Those who were executed were supposed to say, “May my death atone for all my sins”; but Jesus in mediation confesses instead the sin of those who falsely convicted him.” (From the IVP Bible Background Commentary)

Proof Of Our Security

- He is patient and compassionate in spite of our ignorance and weakness
 - Luke 23:34 - “Then Jesus said, Father, forgive them, for they do not know what they do.”
 - 1Cor. 2:7-8 - “But we speak the wisdom of God in a mystery, the hidden wisdom which God ordained before the ages for our glory, & which none of the rulers of this age knew; for had they known, they would not have crucified the Lord of glory.”

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- Acts 3:13-17 - “The God of Abraham, Isaac, and Jacob, the God of our fathers, glorified His Servant Jesus, whom you delivered up and denied in the presence of Pilate, when he was determined to let Him go. 14 But you denied the Holy One and the Just, and asked for a murderer to be granted to you, 15 and killed the Prince of life, whom God raised from the dead, of which we are witnesses. 16 And His name, through faith in His name, has made this man strong, whom you see and know. Yes, the faith which comes through Him has given him this perfect soundness in the presence of you all. 17 Yet now, brethren, I know that you did it in ignorance, as did also your rulers.”

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- Can you bring yourself to think of others compassionately enough to attribute their sins to ignorance or weakness?
 - 1Tim. 1:12-14 - “And I thank Christ Jesus our Lord who has enabled me, because He counted me faithful, putting me into the ministry, 13 although I was formerly a blasphemer, a persecutor, and an insolent man; but I obtained mercy because I did it ignorantly in unbelief. 14 And the grace of our Lord was exceedingly abundant, with faith and love which are in Christ Jesus.”

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- Isa. 53:5-6, 12 - “But He was wounded for our transgressions, He was bruised for our iniquities; The chastisement for our peace was upon Him, And by His stripes we are healed. 6 All we like sheep have gone astray; We have turned, every one, to his own way; And the LORD has laid on Him the iniquity of us all... 12 Because He poured out His soul unto death, And He was numbered with the transgressors, And He bore the sin of many, And made intercession for the transgressors.”
- 1Peter 2:24 - “Who Himself bore our sins in His own body on the tree, that we, having died to sins, might live for righteousness--by whose stripes you were healed.”

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- Heb. 5:1-2 - “For every high priest taken from among men is appointed for men in things pertaining to God, that he may offer both gifts and sacrifices for sins. 2 He can have compassion on those who are ignorant and going astray, since he himself is also subject to weakness.”
- Mark; 15:31 - “Likewise the chief priests also, mocking among themselves with the scribes, said, He saved others; Himself He cannot save.”
- Because it was about saving us, not Himself!

Proof Of Our Security

- Is there anything that God will withhold from us, in view of what He has already freely given?
 - While Jesus was being crucified and bullied beyond belief, he was trying to stand protectively between God and man
 - Luke 23:34 - “Then Jesus said, Father, forgive them, for they do not know what they do.”

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- While they were hurling insults and spittle at Jesus, God was preparing to pour His grace and mercy upon them
 - Rom. 5:8 - “But God demonstrates His own love toward us, in that while we were still sinners, Christ died for us.”
 - Rom. 8:32 - “He who did not spare His own Son, but delivered Him up for us all, how shall He not with Him also freely give us all things?”

Proof Of Our Security

- While you are casually treating the call of the Gospel, cavalierly dismissing it to pursue your own pointless and puerile existence, God is patiently withholding judgment to give you time to be saved
 - 2Peter 3:9 - “The Lord is not slack concerning His promise, as some count slackness, but is longsuffering toward us, not willing that any should perish but that all should come to repentance.”

Proof Of Our Security

- We know beyond doubt that the compassion of the Lord guarantees our security in this world for the world to come
 - 1Peter 1:3-5 - “Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, who according to His abundant mercy has begotten us again to a living hope through the resurrection of Jesus Christ from the dead, 4 to an inheritance incorruptible and undefiled and that does not fade away, reserved in heaven for you, 5 who are kept by the power of God through faith for salvation ready to be revealed in the last time.”

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- John 10:28-29 - “And I give them eternal life, and they shall never perish; neither shall anyone snatch them out of My hand. 29 My Father, who has given them to Me, is greater than all; and no one is able to snatch them out of My Father's hand.”