

Compassion 02 – Sunday 9th May 2021

Introduction

Today we will look at God's compassion from the Old Testament and will cover the Hebrew words that describe compassion.

Main Points of Sermon

God's nature is to be compassionate.
His compassion can be pictured as the love for a child from their mother and/or father.

The Hebrew words for compassion and compassionate are –
Raw-kham – to fondle, by implication love, especially to be compassionate
Rakh-am – compassion, by extension the womb, as cherishing the foetus
Rakh-oom – full of compassion and full of mercy

Pictures of God's compassion can be seen in the accounts of Samson deciding the fate of the baby claimed by two mothers and of the passage in Isaiah on the eve of the Jews returning from Babylon.

God's compassion can be described perfectly by the scriptures in 1 John 4.

Scriptures

1 Kings 3 v 16 to 28
Exodus 34 v 1 to 6
Psalm 103 v 1 to 13
Isaiah 49 v 8 to 15
1 John 4 v 7 to 11

Meditation Points

What do you think of when God's compassion is related to as the love of a mother or the love of a father?

How is God's love and compassion made manifest in your life?

Read and meditate upon 1 John 4 v 7 to 11.

What is this telling you about compassion?