

God's Gracious Character in Scripture

Tracing God's great character description in Exod 34:6-7 through the Bible.

I. God's mercy to Israel

- Reversal of the plan to destroy them after the sin at Kadesh Barnea (when they refused to enter the land) (Num 14:17-23).
- God's patience in not destroying the Northern Kingdom (2 Kgs 13:22-23).
- God's willingness to reverse the exile:
 - Deut 4:26-31
 - Lam 3:21-23, 31-32
 - Neh 9:30-31
 - Ps 106:43-46
- God's general posture toward his people (Ps 103:8-10).

II. God's mercy to the nations

- Forgiveness for Israel's sworn enemies (Jon 4:1-3).
- Goodness and mercy toward all that he has made (Ps 145:7-10, 13).
- See also: Nah 1:2-3

III. God's mercy to the individuals

- Ps 86:14-16; 111:3-4

IV. God's climactic grace in Christ

- Jesus has come as the great outworking of God's character.
- Compassionate: Tit 3:5; Eph 2:4-7; Matt 9:36 | John 3:16
- Gracious: John 1:14
- Slow to anger: 2 Pet 3:16
- Abounding in steadfast love: Luke 1:72
- Faithfulness: 1 John 1:9
- Forgiving: Eph 1:7
- Just: 1 John 1:9