

knowing God by name



**Elohim**

**Adonai**

**Yahweh/Jehovah**

**Jehovah Jireh**

**Jehovah Shalom**

**Jehovah Rapha**

**Jehovah Rohi**

**Jehovah Nissi**

**Jehovah Hese**



*Jehovah Heseb*



*The LORD,  
Our Steadfast Lover*



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Though not a name given to God, or revealed specifically by God, *hesed* is an attribute so frequent in the OT (240x) that it warrants a message of its own.

Revealed so often as a chief attribute that *Jehovah-Hesed* is not an inaccurate title for God.

- M.S.



# Purpose

Knowing ***who*** God is and ***what*** God does is the foundation for all discipleship.



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## **1 Kings 15:3<sup>b</sup>-5 *nasu***

...his heart was not wholly devoted to the LORD his God, like the heart of his father David. <sup>4</sup> But for David's sake the LORD his God gave him a lamp in Jerusalem, to raise up his son after him and to establish Jerusalem; <sup>5</sup> because David did what was right in the sight of the LORD, and had not turned aside from anything that He commanded him all the days of his life, **except in the case of Uriah the Hittite.**



## **2 Samuel 12:1 *nasu***

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## **2 Samuel 12:1, 13 *nasu***

Then the LORD sent Nathan to David. And he came to him and said, “There were two men in one city, the one rich and the other poor.”

**13** Then David said to Nathan, “I have sinned against the LORD.” And Nathan said to David, “The LORD also has taken away your sin; you shall not die.”



## **Psalm 51 *nasu***

*For the choir director. A Psalm of David, when Nathan the prophet came to him, after he had gone in to Bathsheba.*

Be gracious to me, O GOD,  
**according to Your lovingkindness;**  
**according to the greatness of Your compassion**  
blot out my transgressions.



**“Be gracious to me, according to Your *hesed*...”**

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*Hesed*

“Faithful Love” *hcsb*

“Steadfast Love” *esv*

“Lovingkindness” *nasb*

“Great Love” *niv*

“Unfailing Love” *nlt*

“Grace” *NT equivalent*



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**“God’s love is causeless, measureless, ceaseless.”**

- Ken Boa



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**“Never stopping, never giving up, unbreaking,  
always and forever love of God.”**

- Sally Lloyd Jones



**Who** God Is

**What** God Does

**Who** I Am

**What** I Do



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→ Gospel / Grace / Faith ←



**“Be gracious to me, according to Your hesed...”**



**“Grace is the activity of God.”**

- Dallas Willard



# Erasing Sin

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**Wash** me thoroughly from my iniquity and **cleanse** me from my sin. <sup>3</sup> For I know my transgressions, and my sin is ever before me. <sup>4</sup> Against You, You only, I have sinned and done what is evil in Your sight, so that You are justified when You speak and blameless when You judge...

<sup>7</sup> **Purify** me with hyssop, and I shall be clean; **wash** me, and I shall be whiter than snow.

**Psalm 51:2-4, 7 *nasu***



# Sustaining Food

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**Create** in me a clean heart, O God, and **renew** a steadfast spirit within me. <sup>11</sup> Do not cast me away from Your presence and do not take Your Holy Spirit from me. <sup>12</sup> **Restore** to me the joy of Your salvation and **sustain** me with a willing spirit.

**Psalm 51:10-12** *nasu*



# Empowering Fuel

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**Then I will teach transgressors Your ways,** and sinners will be converted to You. <sup>14</sup> Deliver me from bloodguiltiness, O God, the God of my salvation; **then my tongue will joyfully sing** of Your righteousness.

**Psalm 51:13-14** *nasu*



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### **Who God Is**

- He is love
- Causeless
- Ceaseless
- Measureless

### **What God Does**

- He lavishes grace upon grace over us.

### **Who I Am**

- Forgiven
- Sustained
- Strengthened
- Empowered
- Gifted
- Drawn back...

### **What I Do**

- Saved by grace
- Grow by grace
- Get home by grace

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**There are two questions that every believer  
must settle as soon as possible.**

*- Miles J. Stanford, The Green Letters*



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1. Does God fully accept me?
2. If so, upon what basis does He do so?

**This is crucial...**

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**Every believer is accepted by the Father, in Christ. And we must never forget that His peace is founded solely on the work of the cross, totally apart from anything whatsoever in or from us...**

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**Our faith becomes a fixed attitude, once it begins to rest in this wonderful fact... God's basis must be our basis for acceptance. There is none other. Our acceptance is by GRACE alone. Grace, once bestowed, is not withdrawn.**

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