



Thank God for His Lovingkindness

“She opens her mouth with skillful and godly wisdom and in her tongue is the law of kindness—giving counsel and instruction.” Proverbs 31:26 Amplified

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God’s kindness towards us is powerful. Psalms 36:7 (NAS) reads, *“How precious is thy lovingkindness O God! And the children of men can take refuge in the shadow of Thy wings.”*

Countless times in my Christian walk I’ve experienced great sorrow. One would be when my mother died, a time when my husband and I were having a lot of physical sickness. Or the time when there was a murder in my family, God’s lovingkindness was a refuge in the storm of pain and sorrow. Psalms 31:21 (NAS) reads, *“Blessed be the Lord for He has made marvelous His lovingkindness to me in a besieged city.”*

Richard and I felt as though we were in a besieged city where our enemies were trying to destroy us. Several years ago someone was lying about us and trying to ruin our reputations. Through that lengthy, painful situation, God’s lovingkindness protected us. His amazing grace helped us forgive and fully trust Him. In time, God fully vindicated us. Psalms 69:16 (NAS) reads, *“Answer me O LORD, for thy loving-kindness is good; according to the greatness of thy compassion turn to me.”* Whenever I have cried out to God in repentance after falling in sin, God’s lovingkindness and compassion have forgiven me and cleansed me in the blood of Jesus.

Psalms 117:1-2 (NAS) reads, *“Praise the LORD, all nations; laud Him all people! for His lovingkindness is great towards us, and the truth of the LORD is everlasting. Praise the LORD.”* In a world full of situational ethics and no absolutes, it gives me great security and stability to know that

God’s truth and lovingkindness never changes; in this world that people change everyday, that God’s truth is steadfast.

Isaiah 54:10 (NAS) reads, *“‘For the mountains may be removed and the hills may shake, but My lovingkindness will not be removed from you, and My covenant of peace will not be shaken,’ says the LORD who has compassion on you.”*

Watching the news on TV or reading the papers daily could cause all of us to be fearful and insecure. It seems like everything is shaking, and none of us knows what is in our futures. Earthquakes, floods, job loss, financial collapse, illness, famine, nuclear war, I could go on and on; however, I know that God’s promises are true. No matter what my future holds, I know I can trust that His lovingkindness will be with me daily. He will be my peace in life’s storms and His compassion towards me will never fail. How do I know this? 1) because God can’t lie, He and His Word are truth; and 2) because I have experienced a lot of suffering in my life, and God has been faithful.

Beloved, surrender your life to Jesus. Trust His lovingkindness toward you; He will be faithful.

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