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## Loyal Love

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### Introduction

This is a study of the Bible doctrine of Loyal Love, taken from the Hebrew words CHASAD, CHESED and CHASIYD.

In its concrete earliest application as a noun, the Hebrew word CHASIYD, means "stork". It used in the Bible as a reference to the intense and total loyalty of the stork to its offspring, especially that of the mother stork, hence the concept of Loyal Love.

Moses listed the Stork as among the unclean birds not to be eaten by the Jews. There are two basic varieties of Storks: (1) the Black Stork (*Ciconia Nigra*) and (2) the White Stork (*Ciconia Alba*).

These are noted both for their high flight and for their powerful wings (as used for an analogy with angel wings), and for their total devotion to their young.

#### Zechariah 5:9

Then I raised my eyes and looked, and there were two women, coming with the wind in their wings; for they had wings like the wings of a stork, and they lifted up the basket between earth and heaven.

Normally considered to be a Marsh Bird, storks nest in the trees for maximum safety, as in the Fir trees of Lebanon.

#### Psalm 104:17

Where the birds make their nests; The stork has her home in the fir trees.

Their life cycle is rigidly regular, with a precise migration pattern to Northern Europe and back to the Middle East.

#### Jeremiah 8:7

"Even the stork in the heavens Knows her appointed times; And the turtledove, the swift, and the swallow Observe the time of their coming. But My people do not know the judgment of the Lord.

Because of their close family loyalty, the Stork became proverbial for exhibiting parental love and loyalty, and thus they gave rise to the myth that storks deliver human babies.

### CHESED as a Noun

As a noun, when CHESED is applied to God, the concept originates from God's Attributes. It is most closely associated with God's veracity or truth, EMET, with which the Holy Spirit connects it some twelve times.

The motivation to Loyal Love is Love, expressed by the Hebrew term "tender mercies", or RACHMIM in Hebrew. The skeleton of Loyal Love is Immutability or EMUNAH, the concept that God never changes throughout Eternity.

Loyal Love is the Counterpart of God's justice, MISHPAT.

God's Loyal Love is primarily extended to those who have acquired the perfect righteousness of God through Faith (TSIDKENAH). Loyal love and goodness are companions to all believers living the Christian Way of Life.

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The concepts bound up in God's Loyal Love by God are illustrated in

**Hosea 2:19-21**

19 "I will betroth you to Me forever; Yes, I will betroth you to Me In righteousness and justice, In lovingkindness and mercy;

20 I will betroth you to Me in faithfulness, And you shall know the Lord.

21 "It shall come to pass in that day That I will answer," says the Lord; "I will answer the heavens, And they shall answer the earth.

Thus, as an integral part of God's innate Essence and Attributes, CHESED is vast in extent.

- Endless extent in time.
- Endless extent in space.
- Unlimited extent in value
- Great in quantity.

**Loyal Love Applied to Man**

God's Loyal Love is applied to man as "expressed love" in three ways with reference to application of Love to Men.

As covenants or contracts.

As covenant acts of loyalty to the nation.

As contract acts of loyalty to individuals.

God's CHESED is the basis of all protection for the believer in time and in eternity, and is the source of the reverse mantle of cursing on the enemies of the mature believer.

God's loyal love is the hedge which functions as the protection of the believer against the hatred of the satanic forces in time in the spiritual warfare.

It also provides the wall of fire around the nation of Israel.

From God's loyal love flow all the blessings of the glory spectrum.

To the antagonists of the mature believer god molds an anti-mantle or a mantle of cursing.

**CHESED and Divine Establishment**

In line with God's provision for man's protection stands the application of CHESED through the laws of divine establishment.

**Volition:** God's loyal love protects the volition of the believer.

**Marriage:** Through divine redemption God insures that compatible marriage partners find each other.

**Family:** There really isn't any generation gap when the generations grow to maturity by God's grace provisions.

**National Entities:** People are to be loyal to the king or government.

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The mark of a break-down of the laws of divine establishment in a nation is the loss of freedom in which the CHASIDIM (Loyal Ones) are persecuted, murdered and robbed, while the government protects the crooks.

Moses formulated a battle cry of loyal love, which must be the hallmark and Standard of any Priest-Nation, in order to accomplish National Survival. Moses originally formulated the concept by portraying God as a warrior leading his nation to freedom.

God could also be represented by the Shekinah Glory leading the nation. The Ark of the Covenant later substituted for the Shekinah Glory (The Lord Jesus Christ).

DAVID combined all of these together into the Psalm of the Ark (**Psalm 139**) in the form of the battle cry of loyal love.

**1 Chronicles 16:34,41**

34 Oh, give thanks to the Lord, for He is good! For His mercy endures forever.

41 and with them Heman and Jeduthun and the rest who were chosen, who were designated by name, to give thanks to the Lord, because His mercy endures forever;

SOLOMON reinstated and repeated his father's Psalm of the Ark and instructed his Temple Musicians to sing it during the dedication of the Temple. They were singing it when the Shekinah Glory appeared over the Temple.

The first statement of the battle cry was during the music that was played before Solomon's sermon while the articles of furniture, including the Ark, were being installed into the Temple.

**2 Chronicles 5:13-14**

13 indeed it came to pass, when the trumpeters and singers were as one, to make one sound to be heard in praising and thanking the Lord, and when they lifted up their voice with the trumpets and cymbals and instruments of music, and praised the Lord, saying: "For He is good, For His mercy endures forever," that the house, the house of the Lord, was filled with a cloud,

14 so that the priests could not continue ministering because of the cloud; for the glory of the Lord filled the house of God.

The second repetition of the battle cry came after Solomon had completed his Bible class and closing prayer of dedication, when the fire of god came down and consumed the sacrifices. The people echoed the battle cry here.

**2 Chronicles 7:3,6**

3 When all the children of Israel saw how the fire came down, and the glory of the Lord on the temple, they bowed their faces to the ground on the pavement, and worshiped and praised the Lord, saying: "For He is good, For His mercy endures forever.

6 And the priests attended to their services; the Levites also with instruments of the music of the Lord, which King David had made to praise the Lord, saying, "For His mercy endures forever," whenever David offered praise by their ministry. The priests sounded trumpets opposite them, while all Israel stood.

**CHESED in the Psalms**

The other poets of Psalms picked up the battle cry and made it a major theme with variations in their praises to God.

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As an introduction to a Psalm, showing all the facets of national and individual life affected by God's Loyal Love.

**Psalm 107:1**

Oh, give thanks to the Lord, for He is good! For His mercy endures forever.

As an introduction to a Psalm recounting the events of the exodus and the negative volition of the Jews during those times.

**Psalm 106:1**

Praise the Lord! Oh, give thanks to the Lord, for He is good! For His mercy endures forever.

As a frame of a section of a Psalm, containing Laws of Divine Establishment information approving of military victory for the nation that serves God.

**Psalm 118:1-4,29**

1 Oh, give thanks to the Lord, for He is good! For His mercy endures forever.

2 Let Israel now say, "His mercy endures forever."

3 Let the house of Aaron now say, "His mercy endures forever."

4 Let those who fear the Lord now say, "His mercy endures forever."

29 Oh, give thanks to the Lord, for He is good! For His mercy endures forever.

As a refrain repeated over and over to emphasize the continuous Loyal Love of God during the events of the Exodus.

**READ Psalm 136:1-26.**

As the climax of a Psalm of praise, almost as a doxology.

**Psalm 100:5**

For the Lord is good; His mercy is everlasting, And His truth endures to all generations.

**Psalm 138:8**

The Lord will perfect that which concerns me; Your mercy, O Lord, endures forever; Do not forsake the works of Your hands.

**The Battle Cry of Loyal Love**

Based on his personal doctrinal knowledge that the Ark of the Covenant led the troops to battle in the days of Moses, Joshua and The Judges, and Jehoshaphat appointed singers to sing the Song of the Ark as the army fought the Ammonite-Moabite-Edomite coalition. Hence the battle cry became an integral part of battle strategy for the nation of Israel.

**2 Chronicles 20:21**

And when he had consulted with the people, he appointed those who should sing to the Lord, and who should praise the beauty of holiness, as they went out before the army and were saying: "Praise the Lord, For His mercy endures forever."

During the spiritually degenerating generations just before the exile, Jeremiah prophesied a coming generation which would again be positive and obedient enough to use the Battle Cry of Loyal Love.

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**Jeremiah 33:11**

the voice of joy and the voice of gladness, the voice of the bridegroom and the voice of the bride, the voice of those who will say: "Praise the Lord of hosts, For the Lord is good, For His mercy endures forever"— and of those who will bring the sacrifice of praise into the house of the Lord. For I will cause the captives of the land to return as at the first,' says the Lord.

When the Foundation of the Temple, after the Exile, was laid under Ezra, the priests again sang the Psalm of the Ark and quoted the battle cry in victorious exultation.

**Ezra 3:11**

And they sang responsively, praising and giving thanks to the Lord: "For He is good, For His mercy endures forever toward Israel." Then all the people shouted with a great shout, when they praised the Lord, because the foundation of the house of the Lord was laid.

Thus the Battle Cry of Loyal Love becomes an appropriate slogan for the saints of all ages who recognize their role in the conflict of spiritual warfare.

**Loyal Love Demands Loyal Love**

In much the same way that God suggests that His justice should inspire believers to respond with just behavior, so he demonstrates that His loyalty should produce loyalty in us (justice demands justice; loyal love demands loyal love) in all spheres of human relationships.

God desires a response of loyalty to Himself, His Word, and His communicators of the Word of God. God knows all believers who rely on His loyal love.

**Psalm 33:18**

Behold, the eye of the Lord is on those who fear Him, On those who hope in His mercy, As Believers Grow, God takes pleasure in those who continually depend upon His loyal love.

**Psalm 147:11**

The Lord takes pleasure in those who fear Him, In those who hope in His mercy. God desires two things from believers: (1) loyal love and (2) knowledge of doctrine.

**Hosea 6:6**

For I desire mercy and not sacrifice, And the knowledge of God more than burnt offerings.

The Lord commands His children to develop loyal love.

**Hosea 10:12**

Sow for yourselves righteousness; Reap in mercy; Break up your fallow ground, For it is time to seek the Lord, Till He comes and rains righteousness on you.

**Hosea 12:7**

"A cunning Canaanite! Deceitful scales are in his hand; He loves to oppress.

Failure to respond to God's Loyal Love with your own Loyal Love constitutes A legal breach of contract.

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**Hosea 4:1**

Hear the word of the Lord, You children of Israel, For the Lord brings a charge against the inhabitants of the land: "There is no truth or mercy Or knowledge of God in the land.

Believers fail to respond properly to God because of the short duration of their loyal love towards God.

**Isaiah 40:5**

The glory of the Lord shall be revealed, And all flesh shall see it together; For the mouth of the Lord has spoken."

**Hosea 6:4**

"O Ephraim, what shall I do to you? O Judah, what shall I do to you? For your faithfulness is like a morning cloud, And like the early dew it goes away.

God honors past generations who operated on loyal love and prophesies a future generation which will do the same.

**Jeremiah 2:2**

"Go and cry in the hearing of Jerusalem, saying, 'Thus says the Lord: "I remember you, The kindness of your youth, The love of your betrothal, When you went after Me in the wilderness, In a land not sown.

**Hosea 2:19**

"I will betroth you to Me forever; Yes, I will betroth you to Me In righteousness and justice, In lovingkindness and mercy;

Believers are commemorated in scripture for their response to God's Loyal Love with Loyal Love of their own.

**David and Solomon - 2 Chronicles 6:42**

"O Lord God, do not turn away the face of Your Anointed; Remember the mercies of Your servant David."

**Hezekiah - 2 Chronicles 32:32**

Now the rest of the acts of Hezekiah, and his goodness, indeed they are written in the vision of Isaiah the prophet, the son of Amoz, and in the book of the kings of Judah and Israel.

**Josiah - 2 Chronicles 35:26**

Now the rest of the acts of Josiah and his goodness, according to what was written in the Law of the Lord,

**Nehemiah - Nehemiah 13:14**

14 Remember me, O my God, concerning this, and do not wipe out my good deeds that I have done for the house of my God, and for its services!

God demands Loyal Love between husband and wife. He sets the Pattern by His Loyal Love to Israel.

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**Hosea 2:19**

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Husband to Wife: Xerxes to Esther.

**Esther 2:9,17**

9 Now the young woman pleased him, and she obtained his favor; so he readily gave beauty preparations to her, besides her allowance. Then seven choice maidservants were provided for her from the king's palace, and he moved her and her maidservants to the best place in the house of the women.

17 The king loved Esther more than all the other women, and she obtained grace and favor in his sight more than all the virgins; so he set the royal crown upon her head and made her queen instead of Vashti.

Wife to Husband.

Ruth and Orpah to Mahlon and Chilion

**Ruth 1:8**

And Naomi said to her two daughters-in-law, "Go, return each to her mother's house. The Lord deal kindly with you, as you have dealt with the dead and with me.

Ruth to Boaz

**Ruth 3:10**

Then he said, "Blessed are you of the Lord, my daughter! For you have shown more kindness at the end than at the beginning, in that you did not go after young men, whether poor or rich.

This is God's pattern for us even if your spouse is a royal jerk!!!

**Genesis 20:13**

And it came to pass, when God caused me to wander from my father's house, that I said to her, 'This is your kindness that you should do for me: in every place, wherever we go, say of me, "He is my brother." ' "

However, loyal love of friend to friend is given more biblical space than ALL the others combined and is found throughout the Old Testament.

**FRIENDSHIP LOYAL LOVE.**

Loyal Love involves Loyal Love for your friend equal to the love we have for ourselves (and we all have that!).

**1 Samuel 20:17**

Now Jonathan again caused David to vow, because he loved him; for he loved him as he loved his own soul.

**Proverbs 11:17**

The merciful man does good for his own soul, But he who is cruel troubles his own flesh.

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Thus a true friend will stand by his friend under any test and do whatever is necessary for his friend's well being.

**1 Samuel 20:4**

So Jonathan said to David, "Whatever you yourself desire, I will do it for you."

**Job 6:14**

"To him who is afflicted, kindness should be shown by his friend, Even though he forsakes the fear of the Almighty.

True friendship love includes speaking truth to your friend, even if it is highly unpleasant.

**Genesis 21:25**

Then Abraham rebuked Abimelech because of a well of water which Abimelech's servants had seized.

**Psalms 141:5**

Let the righteous strike me; It shall be a kindness. And let him rebuke me; It shall be as excellent oil; Let my head not refuse it. For still my prayer is against the deeds of the wicked.

Loyal Love in Friendship demands total honesty of action as well as words, and extends even to the point of execution for crime if guilty.

**1 Samuel 20:8**

Therefore you shall deal kindly with your servant, for you have brought your servant into a covenant of the Lord with you. Nevertheless, if there is iniquity in me, kill me yourself, for why should you bring me to your father?"

The friendship Loyal Love is based on both friends having a covenant relationship with YAHWEH, thus fulfilling the Principle: Loyalty Demand Loyalty.

**1 Samuel 20:8**

Hence a true friend remains loyal under any crisis of his friend, though that loyalty may demand separation during the period of the friend's backsliding (reversionism).

**1 Samuel 20:9-13**

9 But Jonathan said, "Far be it from you! For if I knew certainly that evil was determined by my father to come upon you, then would I not tell you?"

10 Then David said to Jonathan, "Who will tell me, or what if your father answers you roughly?"

11 And Jonathan said to David, "Come, let us go out into the field." So both of them went out into the field.

12 Then Jonathan said to David: "The Lord God of Israel is witness! When I have sounded out my father sometime tomorrow, or the third day, and indeed there is good toward David, and I do not send to you and tell you,

13 may the Lord do so and much more to Jonathan. But if it pleases my father to do you evil, then I will report it to you and send you away, that you may go in safety. And the Lord be with you as He has been with my father.

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Even family relationships are subordinated to this loyal love between friends, when the family member is wrong biblically.

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Loyal love to a friend extends to his children (family) as well as to himself -forever.

**1 Samuel 20:14-15**

14 And you shall not only show me the kindness of the Lord while I still live, that I may not die;

15 but you shall not cut off your kindness from my house forever, no, not when the Lord has cut off every one of the enemies of David from the face of the earth."

**2 Samuel 9:13**

So Mephibosheth dwelt in Jerusalem, for he ate continually at the king's table. And he was lame in both his feet.

This loyal love is totally devoid of jealousy, hence it involves the ability to shift from first place to second place if the friend is divinely promoted without jealousy or rancor. There should be no jealousy or bitterness over a friend's blessing or promotion.

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Many acquaintances will trumpet their ostensible loyal love to you, but a truly faithful friend is rare!

**Proverbs 20:6**

Most men will proclaim each his own goodness, But who can find a faithful man?

Consequently, believers must remain alert and discerning in order to sift between true friends and Jonadabs like Ziba versus Mephibosheth.

When a Jonadab slanders a friend (Jonadab = a self-seeking ingratiating pseudo-friend), the believer should confront his friend in person to ask for the truth face-to-face without assuming his guilt.

**2 Samuel 9:1**

Now David said, "Is there still anyone who is left of the house of Saul, that I may show him kindness for Jonathan's sake?"

**2 Samuel 16:1-4**

1 When David was a little past the top of the mountain, there was Ziba the servant of Mephibosheth, who met him with a couple of saddled donkeys, and on them two hun-

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dred loaves of bread, one hundred clusters of raisins, one hundred summer fruits, and a skin of wine.

2 And the king said to Ziba, "What do you mean to do with these?" So Ziba said, "The donkeys are for the king's household to ride on, the bread and summer fruit for the young men to eat, and the wine for those who are faint in the wilderness to drink."

3 Then the king said, "And where is your master's son?" And Ziba said to the king, "Indeed he is staying in Jerusalem, for he said, 'Today the house of Israel will restore the kingdom of my father to me.' "

4 So the king said to Ziba, "Here, all that belongs to Mephibosheth is yours." And Ziba said, "I humbly bow before you, that I may find favor in your sight, my lord, O king!"

#### **2 Samuel 19:24**

Now Mephibosheth the son of Saul came down to meet the king. And he had not cared for his feet, nor trimmed his mustache, nor washed his clothes, from the day the king departed until the day he returned in peace.

#### **2 Samuel 21:7**

But the king spared Mephibosheth the son of Jonathan, the son of Saul, because of the Lord's oath that was between them, between David and Jonathan the son of Saul.

### **Illustrations in the Old Testament: roll call of the friendly Old Testament saints!!**

#### **Abraham and Abimelech.**

##### **Genesis 21:23**

Now therefore, swear to me by God that you will not deal falsely with me, with my offspring, or with my posterity; but that according to the kindness that I have done to you, you will do to me and to the land in which you have dwelt."

#### **Joseph and Pharaoh's butler**

##### **Genesis 40:14**

But remember me when it is well with you, and please show kindness to me; make mention of me to Pharaoh, and get me out of this house.

##### **Genesis 40:23**

Yet the chief butler did not remember Joseph, but forgot him.

##### **Genesis 41:9-13**

9 Then the chief butler spoke to Pharaoh, saying: "I remember my faults this day.

10 When Pharaoh was angry with his servants, and put me in custody in the house of the captain of the guard, both me and the chief baker,

11 we each had a dream in one night, he and I. Each of us dreamed according to the interpretation of his own dream.

12 Now there was a young Hebrew man with us there, a servant of the captain of the guard. And we told him, and he interpreted our dreams for us; to each man he interpreted according to his own dream.

13 And it came to pass, just as he interpreted for us, so it happened. He restored me to my office, and he hanged him."

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**Rahab with Joshua and Caleb.****Joshua 2:12,14**

12 Now therefore, I beg you, swear to me by the Lord, since I have shown you kindness, that you also will show kindness to my father's house, and give me a true token,

14 So the men answered her, "Our lives for yours, if none of you tell this business of ours. And it shall be, when the Lord has given us the land, that we will deal kindly and truly with you."

**The tribes of Joseph to the land of Bethel (Luz).****Judges 1:22-26****Saul and Israel to the Kenites.****1 Samuel 15:6**

Then Saul said to the Kenites, "Go, depart, get down from among the Amalekites, lest I destroy you with them. For you showed kindness to all the children of Israel when they came up out of Egypt." So the Kenites departed from among the Amalekites.

**Abner to Saul and his son Ishbosheth.****2 Samuel 3:8**

Then Abner became very angry at the words of Ishbosheth, and said, "Am I a dog's head that belongs to Judah? Today I show loyalty to the house of Saul your father, to his brothers, and to his friends, and have not delivered you into the hand of David; and you charge me today with a fault concerning this woman?"

**Jabesh Gileadites to Saul & Sons.****1 Samuel 31:11-13**

11 Now when the inhabitants of Jabesh Gilead heard what the Philistines had done to Saul,

12 all the valiant men arose and traveled all night, and took the body of Saul and the bodies of his sons from the wall of Beth Shan; and they came to Jabesh and burned them there.

13 Then they took their bones and buried them under the tamarisk tree at Jabesh, and fasted seven days.

**2 Samuel 2:5**

So David sent messengers to the men of Jabesh Gilead, and said to them, "You are blessed of the Lord, for you have shown this kindness to your lord, to Saul, and have buried him.

**David to the Men of Jabesh Gilead****2 Samuel 2:6-7**

6 And now may the Lord show kindness and truth to you. I also will repay you this kindness, because you have done this thing.

7 Now therefore, let your hands be strengthened, and be valiant; for your master Saul is dead, and also the house of Judah has anointed me king over them."

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**David to Chanun, Son of Nahash the Ammonite King.****2 Samuel 10:2**

Then David said, "I will show kindness to Hanun the son of Nahash, as his father showed kindness to me." So David sent by the hand of his servants to comfort him concerning his father. And David's servants came into the land of the people of Ammon.

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### **Hushai the Archite to David.**

#### **2 Samuel 16:17**

So Absalom said to Hushai, "Is this your loyalty to your friend? Why did you not go with your friend?"

### **David to the Sons of Barzillai the Gileadite.**

#### **1 Kings 2:7**

"But show kindness to the sons of Barzillai the Gileadite, and let them be among those who eat at your table, for so they came to me when I fled from Absalom your brother.

### **Israelites who were NOT LOYAL to Gideon & His Sons.**

#### **Judges 8:35**

nor did they show kindness to the house of Jerubbaal (Gideon) in accordance with the good he had done for Israel.

### **Joash who was NOT LOYAL to Zechariah the son of Jehoiada, the priest who saved his life and his kingdom.**

#### **2 Chronicles 24:22**

Thus Joash the king did not remember the kindness which Jehoiada his father had done to him, but killed his son; and as he died, he said, "The Lord look on it, and repay!"

### **Ahab who was NOT LOYAL (Pseudo-Loyal) to Ben-Hadad.**

#### **1 Kings 20:31**

Then his servants said to him, "Look now, we have heard that the kings of the house of Israel are merciful kings. Please, let us put sackcloth around our waists and ropes around our heads, and go out to the king of Israel; perhaps he will spare your life."

### **Love of Parents to Children and Children to Parents; extended Family.**

#### **Mother to Children**

##### **Proverbs 31:26**

She opens her mouth with wisdom, And on her tongue is the law of kindness.

#### **Father to Children/Children to Father**

##### **Genesis 47:29**

When the time drew near that Israel must die, he called his son Joseph and said to him, "Now if I have found favor in your sight, please put your hand under my thigh, and deal kindly and truly with me. Please do not bury me in Egypt,

#### **Cousins to Cousins**

##### **Genesis 24:49**

Now if you will deal kindly and truly with my master, tell me. And if not, tell me, that I may turn to the right hand or to the left."

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**Daughter-in-law to Mother-in-law - Ruth to Naomi****Ruth 1:8**

And Naomi said to her two daughters-in-law, "Go, return each to her mother's house. The Lord deal kindly with you, as you have dealt with the dead and with me.

**LOYAL LOVE in all love categories is achieved by growing to spiritual maturity.**

The younger a person is when he becomes a believer and begins to grow, the longer he has to enjoy God's Loyal Love; hence, start young!

**Psalm 90:14**

Oh, satisfy us early with Your mercy, That we may rejoice and be glad all our days!  
The believer must stay in fellowship or restore it quickly in order to grow consistently.  
Moses states the principles that God's forgiveness is always available.

**Numbers 14:19**

Pardon the iniquity of this people, I pray, according to the greatness of Your mercy, just as You have forgiven this people, from Egypt even until now."

Even when believers must be disciplined, God does so through loyal love, and thus with compassion and applied love.

**Lamentations 3:32**

Though He causes grief, Yet He will show compassion According to the multitude of His mercies.

**Psalm 106:45**

And for their sake He remembered His covenant, And relented according to the multitude of His mercies.

God's Loyal Love is the only thing that keeps us alive in spite of sinning habitually.

**Lamentations 3:22**

Through the Lord's mercies we are not consumed, Because His compassions fail not.  
The best illustration is the life of David; he always acknowledged his sins to God.

**Psalm 25:7**

Do not remember the sins of my youth, nor my transgressions; According to Your mercy remember me, For Your goodness' sake, O Lord.

**Psalm 51:1**

Have mercy upon me, O God, According to Your lovingkindness; According to the multitude of Your tender mercies, Blot out my transgressions.

Believers must be alert and growing in order to avoid the influence of evil.

**Proverbs 14:22**

Do they not go astray who devise evil? But mercy and truth belong to those who devise good.

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**Proverbs 16:6**

In mercy and truth Atonement is provided for iniquity; And by the fear of the Lord one departs from evil.

Coupled with rebound or confession of sins must be the protection against the influence of evil, and only consistent daily study of God's Word will do the job.

Both sin and evil are defeated by means of God's System for Spiritual Growth.

**Proverbs 16:6**

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The Believer must have Positive Volition towards the truth of God's Word.

**Psalm 119:24**

Your testimonies also are my delight And my counselors.

Bible Doctrine which is appropriated (accepted) flows to the Christian's memory.

**Proverbs 3:3**

Let not mercy and truth forsake you; Bind them around your neck, Write them on the tablet of your heart,

God responds to positive volition on the part of the believer with a process called "quickenning" or spiritual growth for the believer.

**Psalm 119:159**

Consider how I love Your precepts; Revive me, O Lord, according to Your lovingkindness.

Application of Bible Doctrine into the believer's life is essential.

**Psalm 25:10**

All the paths of the Lord are mercy and truth, To such as keep His covenant and His testimonies.

This Results in the production of divine good (gold, silver, precious stones) in the life of the believer.

Tenacious pursuit of God's path to spiritual growth (the Glory Road) provides maturity and loyalty in all categories of Loyal Love.

**Proverbs 21:21**

He who follows righteousness and mercy Finds life, righteousness, and honor.

The places at which loyal love can be developed.

Doctrine can be studied in God's classroom (Temple in Old Testament, Local Church in New Testament).

**Psalm 48:9**

We have thought, O God, on Your lovingkindness, In the midst of Your temple.

The believer should start his day with doctrine.

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**Psalm 143:8**

Cause me to hear Your lovingkindness in the mornin, For in You do I trust; Cause me to know the way in which I should walk, For I lift up my soul to You.

Loyal Love comforts the believer under testing through God's Word, acquired via face-to-face teaching.

**Psalm 119:124**

Deal with Your servant according to Your mercy, And teach me Your statutes.

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