Getting to Know The God of Unfailing Love

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Where are you God?

Does God really love me?



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Hesed (n) pronunciation (kheh'-sed): unfailing love, mercy, goodness, kindness, faithfulness, love that endures forever

Hesed describing humanity:

Proverbs 20:6: Many claim to have unfailing love, but a faithful person who can find?

Hosea 6:4: Your **love** is like the morning mist, like the early dew that disappears.

Hesed describing God:

Exodus 34:6-7: The LORD, the LORD, the compassionate and gracious God, slow to anger, abounding in love and faithfulness, maintaining love to thousands, and forgiving wickedness, rebellion and sin.

Hesed describing God:

Romans 5:6,8: You see at just the right time, when we were still powerless, Christ died for the ungodly...God demonstrates his own love for us in this: While we were still sinners, Christ died for US.

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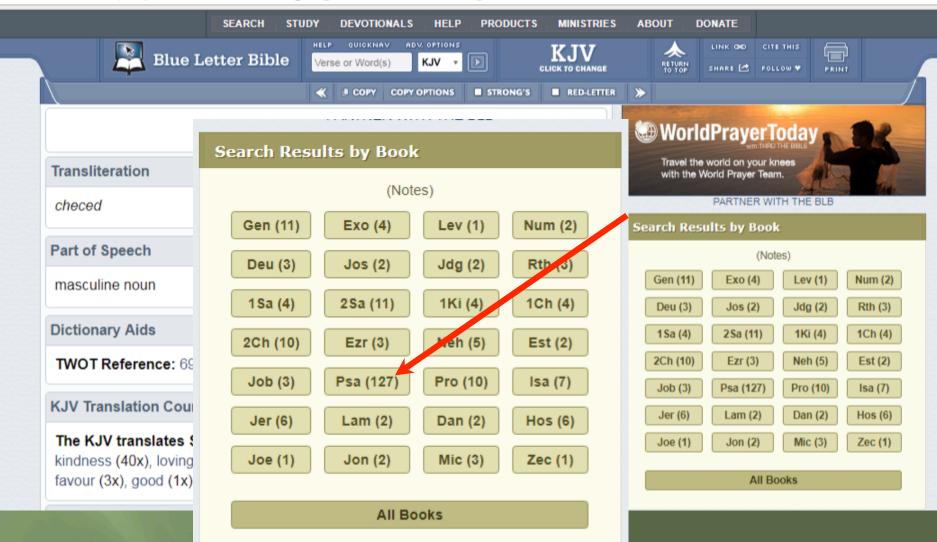


Psalm 90:14

Satisfy us in the morning with your unfailing love, that we may sing for joy and be glad all our days.

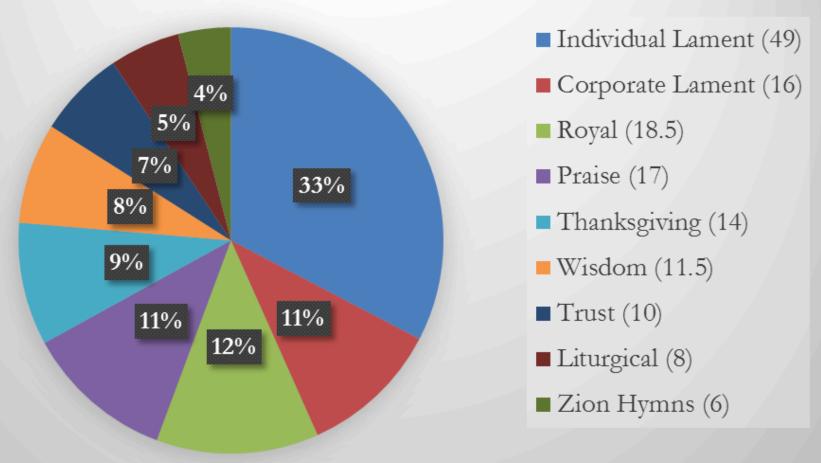
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Difficult situations are often the context in which we turn to God, even if it is to question him.

Psalms by Type



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Psalm 13:1-2

How long, LORD? Will you forget me forever?

How long must I wrestle with my thoughts and day after day have sorrow in my heart?

Psalm 17:1

Hear me, LORD, my plea is just; listen to my cry.

Hear my prayer—it does not rise from deceitful lips.

Psalm 25:16-17

I trust in you; do not let me be put to **shame**.

Turn to me and be gracious to me, for I am **lonely** and **afflicted**.

Relieve the troubles of my heart and free me from my anguish.

Psalm 31:9-10

Be merciful to me, LORD, for I am in distress; my eyes grow weak with sorrow, my soul and body with grief.

My strength fails because of my affliction, and my bones grow weak.

Psalm 44:23-24

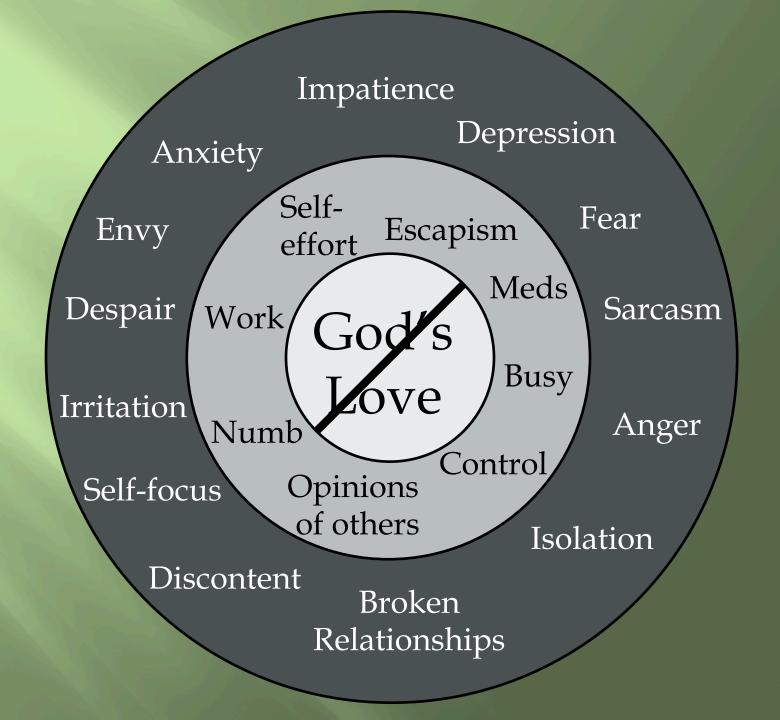
Awake, Lord! Why do you sleep? Rouse yourself! **Do not reject us** forever.

Why do you hide your face and forget our misery and oppression?

We are not alone!

 Our cries are echoed by others in Scripture

 God's unfailing love shows up in response to our cries



Cursed is the one who trusts in man, who draws strength from mere flesh and whose heart turns away from the LORD.



Jeremiah 17

Blessed is the one who trusts in the LORD, whose confidence is in him.



A bush in the wastelands

A tree planted by the water

God's purposes are deeper than saving us from our circumstances.

Hosea & Gomer



Hosea 2:16,19-20

I will betroth you in righteousness and justice, in **love** and compassion. I will betroth you in faithfulness....

In that day, declares the Lord, you will call me 'my husband'; you will no longer call me 'my master'.

God himself invites us to relate to him as our Bridegroom.

Do we approach him with the joy and anticipation each day of seeing our best friend?

As we are transformed through our marriage to Christ, unfailing love ought to be born in us, and, by its nature, begin spilling over to others.

The Parable of the Persistent Widow (Luke 18:7-8)

Will not God bring about justice for his chosen ones, who cry out to him day and night?

I tell you, he will see that they get justice, and quickly. However, when the Son of Man comes, will he find faith on the earth?