

# The Nature of God

## MESSAGES & SERIES

**Exodus 34:6-7 (NASB95)** — 6 Then the LORD passed by in front of him and proclaimed, “The LORD, the LORD God, compassionate and gracious, slow to anger, and abounding in lovingkindness and truth; 7 who keeps lovingkindness for thousands, who forgives iniquity, transgression and sin; yet He will by no means leave the guilty unpunished, visiting the iniquity of fathers on the children and on the grandchildren to the third and fourth generations.”

### 1. The God of Compassion (Rahum)

1. Rahum: Comes from the root word WOMB
  1. Motherly **Instinct** - Mom's have an instinctive desire to *nurture*. God has a desire to nurture.
  2. Mothers **Protective Nature** - A mom will do anything to protect her child.
    1. God has this same desire to protect
    2. Luke 13:34 (NLT) — 34 “O Jerusalem, Jerusalem, the city that kills the prophets and stones God’s messengers! How often I have wanted to gather your children together as a hen protects her chicks beneath her wings, but you wouldn’t let me.
  3. Mothers **Desire to Rescue**
2. **The eyes of Compassion**
  1. He sees
  2. Compassion is rooted in what you behold.
  3. The eyes of the Lord are always watching, and He is moved.
3. **The heart of Compassion**
  1. The feeling of **responsibility**
  2. The feeling of **sympathy**
  3. The feeling of **empathy**

### 2. The God of Grace (Hannun)

1. What is Grace? - Khen
  1. *Showing generous favor in a spirit of gladness to someone that is undeserving.*
  2. A poet has words of Khen
  3. A king gives gifts of Khen
2. **Grace lifts**
  1. The needy
  2. The undeserving
3. **Grace gives**
  1. With generosity
  2. With gladness

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