

# David Relying Upon the Lord's Lovingkindness

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*David's life is a testament to the power of God's lovingkindness, which is a zealous, loyal, and steadfast love that provides mercy and goodness to those who trust in Him.*

**Scripture:** Psalm 17:7, Psalm 27:1, Psalm 36:10, Psalm 40:10, Psalm 62:8, Psalm 63:3, Psalm 143:8, Matthew 5:45

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## Description

Bob Hoekstra preaches on David's reliance on the Lord's lovingkindness, which is better than life itself. Lovingkindness, akin to grace, encompasses God's zealous, loyal, and merciful love, as well as His commitment to provide for His children daily. David's deep desire was for the Lord to demonstrate His marvelous lovingkindness in his daily walk, acknowledging that God's lovingkindness surpasses all earthly pleasures. David sought the ongoing supply of God's lovingkindness for those who have a true relationship with Him, starting from the morning. As the Lord poured out His steadfast love, David glorified Him among His people.

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## Transcript

Show Your marvelous lovingkindness . . . Oh, continue Your lovingkindness to those who know You . . . Because Your lovingkindness is better than life, My lips shall praise You . . . Cause me to hear your lovingkindness in the morning, For in You do I trust. (Psalm 17:7; 36:10; 63:3; and 143:8)

There are many reasons why David is a wonderful Old Testament example of God's people living by His grace. Previously, we saw that David confessed the Lord as his strength and his refuge. "The LORD is the strength of my life . . . God is a refuge for us" (Psalm 27:1 and 62:8). In our present verses we see David relying upon the Lord's lovingkindness.

Lovingkindness is an Old Testament term that is closely related to the New Testament term, grace. It speaks of God's zealous, loyal, steadfast love toward His people. It includes the truth that God is merciful (that is, He provides a way to hold back from us the judgment that our sins deserve). Yet, it goes beyond that wonderful fact. Lovingkindness also includes God's goodness (that is, His commitment to do good things for His children day by day, supplying whatever is needed in our lives).

Much insight into this word (and appreciation for it) is found in David's frequent reference to it and reliance upon it. "Show Your marvelous lovingkindness." David had a deep desire that the Lord would demonstrate the wondrous reality of His lovingkindness through his daily walk. He knew that the Lord's lovingkindness

was what actually made life what God intended it to be. "Because Your lovingkindness is better than life, my lips shall praise You." David praised God for His faithful goodness toward him, which was far better, and far beyond, merely enjoying the natural things that life offers to all who exist. The Lord is good to all who live on this earth. "He makes His sun rise on the evil and on the good, and sends rain on the just and on the unjust" (Matthew 5:45). However, His lovingkindness is shown to those who have a true relationship with Him by faith. David wanted this goodness to be his ongoing supply. "Oh, continue Your lovingkindness to those who know You."

David sought the Lord for the work of His lovingkindness, from morning time on through the day. "Cause me to hear Your lovingkindness in the morning, For in You do I trust." As the Lord poured out His loyal, steadfast love, David gave glory to the Lord among His people. "I have not concealed Your lovingkindness . . . from the great congregation" (Psa 40:10).

Dear Lord of lovingkindness, I thank You for Your loyal, steadfast love toward me through the years. You have had mercy upon me. You have shown great goodness toward me. Help me to point others to Your marvelous lovingkindness, Amen.

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