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## **Christ the Healer Part 2**

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### **The Lord's Compassion**

*Psalms 145:8-9*

*8 The Lord is gracious and merciful,  
slow to anger and abounding in steadfast love.*

*9 The Lord is good to all,  
and his mercy is over all that he has made.*

In the Study of the Lord's Compassion, we have a complete revelation of the Lord's willingness to heal.

During His earthly ministry He was everywhere moving with compassion, and healed all "them that had need of healing"

How would it be better for Him to go and people no longer be healed?

It is "this same Jesus" who, after saying, "It is expedient' for you that I go away," is now seated at the right hand of God, "that He might be a merciful [compassionate] and faithful High Priest" for us.

In the Scriptures, compassion and mercy mean the same.

The Hebrew noun rachamin is translated both "mercy" and "compassion."

The Greek verb eleo is translated "have mercy" and "have compassion"; and likewise, the Greek adjective eleemon is defined "merciful-compassionate"

To have compassion is to love tenderly, with mercy, and to be full of eager yearning.

### **God's Greatest Attribute is Love**

The text above begins with; *The Lord is gracious and merciful.*"

These sentiments concerning the nature of God are expressed over and over throughout the Scriptures.

God's greatest attribute is love-this is connected to His Fatherhood. The most obvious statements in the Scriptures about our heavenly Father are the declarations concerning His love, His mercy, His compassion.

By showing His compassion everywhere in the healing of the sick, Jesus unveiled the compassionate heart of God to the people. The multitudes came to Him for help. How insidiously Satan has worked to hide this glorious fact from the people.

He has broadcasted the unscriptural, illogical, and worn-out statement that the age of miracles is past, until he has almost succeeded in eclipsing the compassion of God from the eyes of the world.

Modern theology magnifies the power of God more than it magnifies His compassion, His power more than it does the great fact that the exceeding greatness of His power [is] toward us.

But the Bible reverses this and magnifies His willingness to use His power more than it does the power itself. In no place does the Bible say that "God is power," but it does say that "God is Love" It is not faith in God's power that secures His blessings, but faith in His love

and His will.

### **God's Love Veiled by Modern Theology**

The first statement in our text above is, "The LORD IS gracious," meaning "He is disposed to show favors,"

This glorious fact, which shines with such brilliancy throughout the Scriptures, has been so eclipsed by modern theology that we hear everywhere, the Lord IS able instead of "the LORD is gracious."

Don't tell me the Lord is able – I know He is able – I want to know that He is graciously willing.

He is willing to touch, willing to deliver, willing to heal, willing to save and willing to deliver.

None of you doubt He is able, your hang up is:  
Is he still willing today?  
Is he still willing, concerning me?

FF Bosworth suggested that:

*The devil knows God is able, and he knows He is willing; but he has kept the people from knowing the latter fact. Satan is willing, that we shall magnify the Lord's power, because he knows that this is not a sufficient basis for faith, but that the Lord's compassion and willingness are.*

You don't need to know he can, you need to know he will.

You know He can save your soul, but do you know that he wants to? That he desires to?

The word willing is too tame to fully express God's merciful attitude toward us.

Micah 7:18

“18 Who *is* a God like You, Pardoning iniquity and passing over the transgression of the remnant of His heritage? He does not retain His anger forever, Because He delights *in* mercy.”

2 Chronicles 16:9

“9 “For the eyes of the LORD run to and fro throughout the whole earth, to show Himself strong on behalf of *those* whose heart *is* loyal to Him.

The Lord is not only being willing, but eager to pour His blessings in great profusion upon all who make it possible for Him to do so.

He is ever hunting for opportunities to gratify His benevolent heart, because "He delights in mercy - merciful compassion.

Benevolence is the great attribute of God. He is infinitely good.

He exists forever in a state of entire consecration to pour forth blessings upon His creatures whenever they make it possible.