

Compassion — to have the *bowels* yearn, that is, (figuratively) *feel sympathy*, to *pity:* - have (be moved with) compassion. Appears 41 times in the King James Bible

This is a word that most people do not use much anymore. Mainly, because most people are so into themselves, that other people's needs do not seem to matter. It is for this reason, and a few others like it, that I long to be with my Lord. He is one, of only a few, who have always been true to me all of these many years. When I am so far down that I have to reach up to touch bottom, He has always been there for me. When I have despaired for my very life, He has stayed by my side. When, it seems that no one cares for my soul — yet He has been there to faithfully uphold my spirit. Jesus is the one true lover of my soul. I will forever be indebted to Him.

"...there is a friend *that* sticketh closer than a brother." Proverbs 18:24b Greater love hath no man than this, that a man lay down his life for his friends. John 15:13 "...he hath said, I will never leave thee, nor forsake thee." Hebrews 13:5b

In this life, we are truly blest, if we have been found and redeemed by Jesus. Throw in the love of faithful family and friends, then we can say that we have led a wonderful life. But, there are those around that cannot claim such blessings. Here, compassion can work wonders for other people.

Psalms 31:7-21 I will be glad and rejoice in thy mercy: for thou hast considered my trouble; thou hast known my soul in adversities; (8) And hast not shut me up into the hand of the enemy: thou hast set my feet in a large room. (9) Have mercy upon me, O LORD, for I am in trouble: mine eye is consumed with grief, yea, my soul and my belly. (10) For my life is spent with grief, and my years with sighing: my strength faileth because of mine iniquity, and my bones are consumed. (11) I was a reproach among all mine enemies, but especially among my neighbours, and a fear to mine acquaintance: they that did see me without fled from me. (12) I am forgotten as a dead man out of mind: I am like a broken vessel. (13) For I have heard the slander of many: fear was on every side: while they took counsel together against me, they devised to take away my life. (14) But I trusted in thee, O LORD: I said, Thou art my God. (15) My times are in thy hand: deliver me from the hand of mine enemies, and from them that persecute me. (16) Make thy face to shine upon thy servant: save me for thy mercies' sake. (17) Let me not be ashamed, O LORD; for I have called upon thee: let the wicked be ashamed, and let them be silent in the grave. (18) Let the lying lips be put to silence; which speak grievous things proudly and contemptuously against the righteous. (19) Oh how great is thy goodness, which thou hast laid up for them that fear thee; which thou hast wrought for them that trust in thee before the sons of men! (20) Thou shalt hide them in the secret of thy presence from the pride of man: thou shalt keep them secretly in a pavilion from the strife of tongues. (21) Blessed be the LORD: for he hath shewed me his marvellous kindness in a strong city.

Matthew 9:35-38 And Jesus went about all the cities and villages, teaching in their synagogues, and preaching the gospel of the kingdom, and healing every sickness and every disease among the people. (36) But when he saw the multitudes, **he was moved with compassion on them, because they fainted, and were scattered abroad, as sheep having no shepherd**. (37) Then saith he unto his disciples, The harvest truly *is* plenteous, but the labourers *are* few; (38) Pray ye therefore the Lord of the harvest, that he will send forth labourers into his harvest.

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