

## The Sweetness Of God's Lovingkindness

*But let him that glorieth glory in this, that he understandeth and knoweth me, that I am the Lord which exercise lovingkindness, judgement, and righteousness in the earth: for in these things I delight, saith the Lord."*

*(Jer 9:24)*

God is the most beautiful person in the universe. His true beauty is summed up in the essence of His nature: "God is love" (1 Jn 4:8, 16). The greatest comfort lies in this truth: "We love him, because He FIRST loved us." (1 Jn 4:19) His love for us is so marvelous beyond description: "Beloved, if God SO loved us, we ought also to love one another." (1 Jn 4:11) God SO loved us!

Lovingkindness is fundamentally the great expression of this loving God (Lam 3:22; Rom 2:4, Eph 2:4; James 5:11). The hallmark of this lovingkindness is demonstrated through His willingness to forgive man's sin (Ps 51:1-2). The good news is that this lovingkindness trait is everlasting in nature (Isa 54:8). Through this lovingkindness, God is full of compassion and grace to pour out mercy upon the helpless and the needy (Ps 86:15,16,5). His tender kindness is bestowed upon the undeserving and sinful generation.

This lovingkindness is described on 1 Corinthians 13:4 as "love suffers long and is kind." This kind God with this loving disposition overlook his vindictive justice and offers reconciliatory mercy upon man's rebellion.

Today, God still turns His face towards us and manifest the goodness of Jeremiah 31:3, "Yea I have loved thee with an everlasting love: therefore with lovingkindness have I drawn thee." He longs to pour out His abundant blessings upon His people due to His lovingkindness (Jer 31:12-14). He yearns for His beloved from the bowels of His mercy (Jer 31:20). Wake up every morning with an expectant faith to receive His fresh honey-like lovingkindness (Lam 3:22,23; Ps 42:8; 92:2; 143:8). He remains faithful in His lovingkindness to us forever. (Hos 2:19,20; Ps 89:1-2). Amen.