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The Lord wants you to live in His liberty and freedom.

Ps. 145:9 *The LORD is good to all; He has compassion on all He has made. (NIV)*

There are a couple of things that stand out to me when I meditate upon this particular Psalm. It is replete with the goodness of God: His greatness, His mercy, His compassion, His trustworthiness, His steadfastness and His righteousness.

Let's focus upon one of those beautiful characteristics today: compassion. The Hebrew word for *compassion* is **verachamav** which means *to have deep care, mercy or compassion upon someone else*. So many people seem to have a picture of a far removed dictator who is totally consumed with being in control. I can tell you that this is an image painted by the evil one and is totally inaccurate. Let me be clear about this. Our God is completely in control. He will always be so. But, His focus is not about trying to maintain this control. Instead, His focus is, and always will be, about His creations. He loves people. He always has and He always will.

1 John 4:7-8 *Dear friends, let us love one another, for love comes from God. Everyone who loves has been born of God and knows God. Whoever does not love does not know God, because God is love.* Because of His great love for us, He has provided everything that we need. He has shown us His great forgiveness through the sacrifice of His Son. He has removed our sins from us. He has poured out His mercy upon us. He has made a way for us to come into His presence. And, He has such great compassion upon all that He has made. Our LORD is absolute, pure and complete love. He is good to all.

Dear LORD, You are so full of compassion for all You have made. You love us so and you are slow to anger and abounding in love. Thank You for being so patient with us. In Jesus Name, Amen.