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## Compassionate Love

Psalm 103:8-18 The Lord is compassionate and gracious, slow to anger, abounding in love. He will not always accuse, nor will he harbor His anger forever; He does not treat us as our sins deserve or repay us according to our iniquities. For as high as the heavens are above the earth, so great is His love for those who fear Him; as far as the east is from the west, so far has He removed our transgressions from us. As a father has compassion on his children, so the Lord has compassion on those who fear Him; for He knows how we are formed, He remembers that we are dust. The life of mortals is like grass, they flourish like a flower of the field; the wind blows over it and it is gone, and its place remembers it no more. But from everlasting to everlasting the Lord's love is with those who fear Him, and His righteousness with their children's children—with those who keep His covenant and remember to obey his precepts.

Take some time today to set aside a few minutes and just meditate on this incredible passage of scripture. In a world that is going at warp speed, your Heavenly Father says: "Be still and know that I Am God;" The very beginning of this section reminds us that the Lord is compassionate. The Hebrew word here is *riham* and it holds a beautiful picture in its meaning. It means light rain. God's love is like a light rain that just covers you and surrounds you. The verse continues with the thought the He is slow to anger and abounding in love. We get the word abundance from this original word and the picture is that His love will never run out. He does not treat us as our sins deserve! Amen!

I'm so glad I don't get what I deserve. I deserve to be separated from Him forever. But, now catch this, as far as the east is from the west, so far has He removed our transgressions from us. Why would God do that? Because of His great, great love. He has compassion on us. He has compassion on you. He loves you; not just to the moon and back, but love with no boundaries! Oh thank You Jesus! Thank You that you would love me so much that You would take my sin to the cross and pay my sin debt with Your innocent blood. I don't deserve that kind of love, yet You give it anyway. Help me to love like that! In Jesus name, Amen