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The Thirteen Attributes of God's Mercy

Parshah Overview: ¹

The people of Israel are told to each contribute exactly **half a shekel** of silver to the Sanctuary. Instructions are also given regarding the making of the Sanctuary's **water basin, anointing oil and incense**. "Wise-hearted" artisans **Betzalel** and **Aholiav** are placed in charge of the Sanctuary's construction, and the people are once again commanded to keep the **Shabbat**.

When Moses does not return when expected from Mount Sinai, the people make a **golden calf** and worship it. G-d proposes to destroy the errant nation, but **Moses intercedes** on their behalf. Moses descends from the mountain carrying the **tablets of the testimony** engraved with the Ten Commandments; seeing the people dancing about their idol, he **breaks** the tablets, destroys the golden calf, and has the primary culprits put to death. He then returns to G-d to say: "If You do not forgive them, **blot me out** from the book that You have written."

G-d forgives, but says that the effect of their **sin** will be felt for many generations. At first G-d proposes to send His angel along with them, but Moses insists that G-d Himself accompany His people to the promised land.

Moses prepares a new set of tablets and once more ascends the mountain, where G-d re-inscribes the covenant on these **second tablets**. On the mountain, Moses is also granted a vision of the divine **thirteen attributes of mercy**. So radiant is Moses' face upon his return, that he must cover it with a **veil**, which he removes only to speak with G-d and to teach His laws to the people.

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Moses Makes New Tablets

Exo 34:1 Adonai said to Moses, “Carve for yourself two tablets of stone like the first ones, and I will write upon them the words that were on the first tablets, which you broke.

Exo 34:2 Be ready by the morning, come up to Mount Sinai, and present yourself to Me there on the top of the mountain.

Exo 34:3 No one is to come up with you, and do not let anyone be seen throughout the entire mountain. Even the flocks and herds must not graze in front of that mountain.”

Exo 34:4 So he carved two tablets of stone like the first. Then Moses rose up early in the morning, went up onto Mount Sinai as Adonai had commanded him, and took in his hand the two tablets of stone.

Exo 34:5 Then Adonai descended in the cloud, stood with him there, as he called on the Name of Adonai.

Exo 34:6 Then Adonai passed before him, and proclaimed, “Adonai, Adonai, the compassionate and gracious God, slow to anger, and abundant in lovingkindness and truth,

Exo 34:7 showing mercy to a thousand generations, forgiving iniquity and transgression and sin, yet by no means leaving the guilty unpunished, but bringing the iniquity of the fathers upon the children, and upon the children’s children, to the third and fourth generation.”

Exo 34:8 Then Moses quickly bowed his head down to the earth and worshipped.

Exo 34:9 He said, “If now I have found grace in Your eyes, my Lord, let my Lord please go within our midst, even though this is a stiff-necked people. Pardon our iniquity and our sin, and take us for Your own inheritance.”

The Covenant Renewed

Exo 34:10 Then He said, “I am cutting a covenant. Before all your people I will do wonders, such as have not been done in all the earth, or in any nation. All the people you are among will see the work of Adonai—for what I am going to do with you will be awesome!

Exo 34:11 Obey what I am commanding you today. Behold, I am going to drive out the Amorites, Canaanites, Hittites, Perizzites, Hivites and Jebusites before you.

Exo 34:12 Watch yourself, and make no covenant with the inhabitants of the land where you are going, or they will become a snare among you.

Exo 34:13 Instead you must break down their -altars, smash their pillars and cut down their Asherah poles.

Exo 34:14 For you are to bow down to no other god, because Adonai is jealous for His Name—He is a jealous God.

Exo 34:15 “See that you do not make a covenant with the inhabitants of the land. Otherwise when they prostitute themselves with their gods and sacrifice to their gods, someone will invite you, and you will eat from their sacrifice.

Exo 34:16 Do not take their daughters for your sons, for their daughters will prostitute themselves with their own gods, and cause your sons to prostitute themselves with their gods.

Exo 34:17 You are not to make for yourselves metal gods.

Exo 34:18 “You are to keep the Feast of Matzot. For seven days you are eat matzot, as I commanded you, at the time appointed in the month Aviv, for in the month Aviv you came out from Egypt.

Exo 34:19 “Every firstborn of the womb is Mine, and from all your cattle you are to sanctify the males, the firstborn of the ox and sheep.

Exo 34:20 A firstborn donkey you are to redeem with a lamb, but if you do not redeem it, then you are to break its neck. You must redeem all your firstborn sons. No one should appear before Me empty-handed.

Exo 34:21 “For six days you will work, but on the seventh day you will rest. During plowing time and harvest you must rest.

Exo 34:22 “You are to observe the Feast of Shavuot, which is the firstfruits of the wheat harvest, as well as the Feast of Ingathering at the turn of the year.

Exo 34:23 Three times during the year all your males are to appear before Adonai Elohim, God of Israel.

Exo 34:24 For I am going to cast out nations before you, then enlarge your territory. So no one will covet your land when you go up to appear before Adonai your God three times in the year.

Exo 34:25 “You are not to offer the blood of My sacrifice with hametz, nor should the sacrifice of the Passover Festival remain until morning.

Exo 34:26 You are to bring the choicest firstfruits of your land to the House of Adonai your God. “You must not boil a kid in its mother’s milk.”

Exo 34:27 Then Adonai said to Moses, “Write these words, for based on these words I have cut a covenant with you and with Israel.”

Exo 34:28 So he stayed there with Adonai for 40 days and 40 nights, and he did not eat bread or drink water. He wrote on the tablets the words of the covenant: the Ten Words.

The Shining Face of Moses

Exo 34:29 Now it happened, when Moses came down from Mount Sinai with the two tablets of the Testimony in his hand when he came down from the mountain, that Moses did not know that the skin of his face was radiant, because God had spoken with him.

Exo 34:30 When Aaron and all Bnei-Yisrael saw Moses, the skin of his face shone in rays, so they were afraid to come near him.

Exo 34:31 But Moses called out to them, so Aaron and all the rulers of the congregation returned to him, and Moses spoke to them.

Exo 34:32 Afterward all Bnei-Yisrael came near, and he gave them all the mitzvot that Adonai had spoken to him in Mount Sinai.

Exo 34:33 When Moses was done speaking with them, he put a veil over his face.

Exo 34:34 But when Moses went before Adonai, so that He could speak with him, he took the veil off until he came out. When he came out and spoke to Bnei-Yisrael what he was commanded,

Exo 34:35 Bnei-Yisrael saw the face of Moses and that the skin of his face glistened. So Moses put the veil back over his face until he went in to speak with Him. TLV

Biblical Origins²

The 13 Attributes of Mercy are based on two verses in Exodus: “The Lord! The Lord! God, Compassionate and Gracious, Slow to anger and Abundant in Kindness and Truth, Preserver of kindness for thousands of generations, Forgiver of iniquity, willful sin, and error, and Who Cleanses (but does not cleanse completely, recalling the iniquity of parents upon children and grandchildren, to the third and fourth generations)” (34:6-7).

What are the 13 Attributes?

The 13 Attributes of Mercy, according to the generally accepted opinions of Rabbenu Tam and Abudraham, are as follows:

- **The Lord! (Adonai)**—God is merciful before a person sins! Even though aware that future evil lies dormant within him.
- **The Lord! (Adonai)**—God is merciful after the sinner has gone astray.
- **God (El)**—a name that denotes power as ruler over nature and humankind, indicating that God’s mercy sometimes surpasses even the degree indicated by this name.
- **Compassionate (*raham*)**—God is filled with loving sympathy for human frailty does not put people into situations of extreme temptation, and eases the punishment of the guilty.
- **Gracious (*v’hanun*)**—God shows mercy even to those who do not deserve it consoling the afflicted and raising up the oppressed.
- **Slow to anger (*ereh apayim*)**—God gives the sinner ample time to reflect, improve, and repent.
- **Abundant in Kindness (*v’rav hesed*)**—God is kind toward those who lack personal merits, providing more gifts and blessings than they deserve; if one’s personal behavior is evenly balanced between virtue and sin, God tips the scales of justice toward the good.
- **Truth (*v’emet*)**—God never reneges on His word to reward those who serve Him.
- **Preserver of kindness for thousands of generations (*notzeir hesed la-alafim*)**—God remembers the deeds of the righteous for the benefit of their less virtuous generations of offspring (thus we constantly invoke the merit of the Patriarchs).
- **Forgiver of iniquity (*nosei avon*)**—God forgives intentional sin resulting from an evil disposition, as long as the sinner repents.

² <http://www.myjewishlearning.com/article/the-13-attributes-of-mercy/>

– **Forgiver of willful sin (*pesha*)**—God allows even those who commit a sin with the malicious intent of rebelling against and angering Him the opportunity to repent.

– **Forgiver of error (*v'hata'ah*)**—God forgives a sin committed out of carelessness, thoughtlessness, or apathy.

– **Who cleanses (*v'nakeh*)**—God is merciful, gracious, and forgiving, wiping away the sins of those who truly repent; however, if one does not repent, God does not cleanse.

The fullness of God's Mercy is found in the person of Yeshua our Messiah who we find forgiveness of sins, righteousness, sanctification and redemption.

- I am complete in Yahshua who is the head of all principality and power. Col. 2:10
- I am free from the law of sin and death. Rom. 8:2 I am alive with Yahshua. Eph. 2:5
- I am far from oppression, and fear does not come near me. Isa. 54:14
- I am born of God, and the evil one does not touch me. 1 John 5:18
- I am holy and without blame before him in love. 1 Peter 1:16; Eph. 1:4
- I have the mind of Yahshua the Messiah/the Anointed One. Phil. 2:5; 1 Cor. 2:16
- I have the peace of God that passes understanding. Phil. 4:7
- I have the Greater One living in me, greater is he who is in me than he who is in the world. 1 John 4:4
- I have received the gift of righteousness and reign as a king in life by Yahshua Mashiach. Rom. 5:17
- I have received the Spirit of wisdom and revelation in the knowledge of Yahshua, the eyes of my understanding being enlightened. Eph. 1:17-18
- I have received the power of the Ruach HaKodesh (Holy Spirit) to lay hands on the sick and see them recover, to cast out demons, to speak with new tongues;
- I have power over all the power of the enemy and nothing shall by any means harm me. Mark 16:17-18; Luke 10:17,19
- I have put off the old man and have put on the new man, which is renewed in the knowledge after the image of him who created me. Col. 3:10
- I have given and it is given to me good measure, pressed down, shaken together, running over, men give into my bosom. Luke 6:38
- I have no lack, for my God supplies all of my need according to his riches in glory by Messiah Yahshua. Phil 4:19
- I can quench all the fiery darts of the wicked one with my shield of faith. Eph. 6:16
- I can do all things through Mashiach Yahshua. Phil. 4:13
- I show forth the praises of God who has called me out of darkness into his marvelous light. 1 Peter 2:9
- I shall do even greater works than Yahshua the Messiah. John 14:12
- I am God's child, for I am born again of the incorruptible seed of the word of God which lives and abides forever. 1 Peter 1:23
- I am God's workmanship, created in Messiah unto good works. Eph. 2:10

- I am a new creature in Messiah. 2 Cor. 5:17 I am a spirit being—alive to God. 1 Thes. 5:23 I am a believer and the light of the gospel shines in my mind. 2 Cor. 4:4 I am a doer of the Word and blessed in my action. James 1:22, 25
- I am a joint-heir with Messiah. Rom. 8:17
- I am a conqueror through him who loves me. Rom. 8:37
- I am an overcomer by the blood of the Lamb and the word of my testimony. Rev. 12:11
- I am a partaker of his divine nature. 2 Peter 1:3-4
- I am an ambassador for Yahshua. 2 Cor. 5:20
- I am part of a chosen generation, a royal priesthood, a holy nation, a purchased people. 1 Peter 2:9
- I am the righteousness of God in Yahshua the Messiah. 2 Cor. 5:21
- I am the temple of the Ruach HaKodesh;
- I am not my own. 1 Cor. 6:19
- I am the head and not the tail I am above only and not beneath. Deut. 26:13
- I am the light of the world. Matt. 5:14
- I am his elect, full of mercy, kindness, humility and longsuffering. Col. 3:12; Rom 8:33
- I am forgiven of all my sins and washed in the blood of Yahshua. Eph 1:7
- I am delivered from the power of darkness and translated into God's kingdom. Col. 1:13
- I am redeemed from the curse of sin, sickness and poverty. Gal. 3:13; Deut. 28:15-68
- I am firmly rooted, built up, established in my faith and overflowing with gratitude. Col 2:7
- I am called of God to be the voice of his praise. 2 Tim. 1:9; Psa. 66:8
- I am healed by the stripes of Yahshua. 1 Peter 2:24; Isa. 53:6
- I am raised up with Messiah and seated in heavenly places. Col. 2:12; Eph. 2:6
- I am greatly loved by God. Col. 3:12; Rom. 1:7; 1 Thes. 1:4; Eph. 2:24
- I am strengthened with all might according to his glorious power. Col 1:11
- I am submitted to God and the devil flees from me because I resist him in the Name of Yahshua James 4:7

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ⁱ Scriptures to Ponder regarding Gods Mercy and Love

merciful. **Gen 18:25 note. Gen 19:16; +Gen 27:44, +*Exo 20:6; Exo 33:19, Num 14:18, *Deu 4:31; Deu 5:10; Deu 7:9, +*2Sa 7:15; *2Sa 24:14, **1Ki 8:23, 1Ch 16:34; 1Ch 21:13, *2Ch 5:13; 2Ch 7:3; 2Ch 7:6; **2Ch 20:20; **2Ch 20:21; *2Ch 30:9, Ezr 3:11; Ezr 10:2, Neh 1:5; *Neh 9:17; *Neh 9:31; *Neh 9:32, +Psa 4:1; +Psa 5:7; +*Psa 25:6; Psa 36:7; Psa 51:1; Psa 57:10; +*Psa 62:12; Psa 78:38; Psa 85:10; Psa 86:5; Psa 86:15; *Psa 89:1; Psa 100:5; *Psa 103:8-14; *Psa 103:17; Psa 106:1; Psa 106:45; Psa 107:1; Psa 107:43; Psa 109:21; Psa 111:4; Psa 112:4; Psa 116:5; Psa 118:1; Psa 119:77; Psa 119:124; Psa 119:156; Psa 130:4; Psa 130:7; Psa 136:1; Psa 138:8; *Psa 145:8; *Psa 145:9, *Isa 54:7; **Isa 55:7; Isa 63:7; +Isa 63:15, +*Jer 29:11;

Jer 33:11, *Lam 3:22; *Lam 3:32, *Dan 9:4; *Dan 9:9; *Dan 9:18, *Joe 2:13, +*Jon 4:2,
**Mic 7:18, Mar 5:19, Luk 1:50; Luk 1:54; Luk 1:58; Luk 1:72; Luk 1:78; Luk 5:21; *Luk 6:36;
Luk 7:47; Luk 8:39; **Luk 18:13, +*Rom 2:4; Rom 9:15; +*Rom 12:1; Rom 15:9, **2Co 1:3,
Gal 6:16, +*Eph 2:4, *Php 2:27, *Tit 3:5, **Heb 4:16, Jas 5:11, 1Pe 1:3; 1Pe 2:10, 1Jn 4:8.

and gracious. Exo 22:27, +*Num 6:25, 2Sa 12:22, 2Ki 13:23, 2Ch 30:9, Neh 9:17; Neh 9:31,
Job 33:24, Psa 77:9; Psa 111:4; Psa 116:5; Psa 145:8, +*Isa 30:18; Isa 33:2, Joe 2:13, *Amo 5:15,
Jon 4:2, Mal 1:9, 1Pe 5:10.

longsuffering. Gen 18:32, +*Num 14:18, +*Isa 30:18; Isa 48:9, Eze 18:23; Eze 20:17, Nah 1:3,
*Rom 9:22; Rom 15:5, Jas 5:11, *1Pe 3:20, *2Pe 3:9.

abundant. Psa 31:19, Isa 55:7, Mic 7:18, Mat 7:11, Rom 2:4; Rom 5:20-21, Eph 1:7-8; Eph 2:4;
*Eph 3:20, 1Ti 1:14, 1Pe 1:3.

goodness. Exo 18:9; Exo 33:19, Gen 1:31; ***Gen 18:25 note. 1Ki 8:66, 2Ch 5:13; 2Ch 7:3;
2Ch 30:18, Ezr 3:11; Ezr 7:9; Ezr 8:18, *Neh 9:13; *Neh 9:20; *Neh 9:25, Psa 23:6; Psa 25:7-8;
*Psa 31:19; Psa 33:5. *Psa 34:8; Psa 65:11; *Psa 68:10; Psa 73:1; *Psa 86:5; *Psa 100:5; Psa 106:1;
Psa 107:1; Psa 118:1; Psa 119:39; Psa 119:68; Psa 135:3; +Psa 136:1; +*Psa 143:10; *Psa 145:7;
*+*Psa 145:9, Isa 63:7, *Jer 31:12; Jer 33:11, *Lam 3:25, *Hos 3:5, **Nah 1:7, +*Zec 9:17,
Mat 7:11; Mat 19:17; Mat 20:15; +*Mat 28:19 note. +*Mar 10:18 note. %+*Luk 6:35; Luk 11:13;
Luk 18:19, Act 14:17, Rom 2:4; *Rom 7:12; **Rom 11:22, Gal 5:22, **Jas 1:17.

truth. T235, Num 23:19, Deu 32:4, 1Sa 15:29, Psa 19:9; Psa 25:10; Psa 33:4; Psa 43:3; Psa 57:3;
Psa 57:10; Psa 89:14; Psa 91:4; Psa 100:5; Psa 108:4; Psa 111:8; Psa 117:2; +*Psa 119:142;
Psa 138:2; Psa 146:6, Isa 25:1, Jer 10:10; Jer 33:6, Lam 3:23, Dan 4:37, *Mic 7:20, +*Mat 28:19
note. *Joh 1:17; Joh 3:33; Joh 7:28; Joh 17:17, Rom 3:3-4, +*Tit 1:2 note. Heb 6:18, +1Pe 4:19
(T226). Rev 15:3.