

Lesson 21: **God is Compassion**

Note: The practical applications provided in the lesson are offered as suggestions to help the saints in their preparation. They are not meant to direct or limit the ways in which the focus of the lesson can be applied. The saints are encouraged to pray and contact the Lord to receive His burden and guidance in teaching and applying the lesson. Fellowship with other saints, and inquiring of the children themselves, may also bring out many helpful applications.

Level One:

Verses: "Remember Your compassions, O Jehovah, / And Your acts of kindness, for they are from of old" (Psalm 25:6).

"Jehovah is gracious and righteous, / Indeed our God is compassionate" (Psalm 116:5).

Focus: Because God is compassion, He has an inward feeling of pity when we are in distress and desires to help us and save us from our distress.

Practical Application: If you are walking in the park and find a baby bird that has fallen out of its nest, how would you feel? Could you walk away? Most likely you would feel sorry for the baby bird. You would feel concerned that it cannot fly or find food. You would want to find a way to return the baby bird to its nest so that its mother could help it. Something in you does not want to walk away until you have helped the baby bird. All these feelings are feelings of compassion. God has these same feelings when He sees us in need.