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“The God of Compassion”

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Our View of God

“What comes into our minds when we think about God is the most important thing about us.”¹

Our view of God is influenced by...

- Our Environment
- Our Education
- Our Experiences

Our Limitations

A view rooted exclusively in personal experience can be...

- Inaccurate
- Limited
- Misleading

God’s Self-Description – Exodus 34

Remarkably, the very first attribute he chooses to highlight is **compassion**.

- The Hebrew word indicates intense emotion that compels one to act.
- It is also closely linked to mercy, denoting a willingness to show favor rather than punishment, even when punishment is deserved.

The Character of God in Counseling

- **A Concern:** The declaration of God’s character may seem like a spiritual platitude to the suffering.
- **Our Commitment:** To allow the Scriptures to affirm who God is and how He works

God’s Compassion in the Life of David

Scripture: Psalm 40

Expression

- The Lord expresses His compassion by turning toward, hearing, and acting

Experience

- We experience His compassion as we trust, testify, and turn to Him in trouble

¹ From The Knowledge of the Holy (New York: HarperCollins, 1978), 1.