

# **BA38. Knowing the Compassion of God and Yeshua**

*We are to know the compassion of God and Yeshua.*

**BA38a:** *We are to know the compassion of God.*

**BA38b:** *We are to know the compassion of shua.*

This precept is derived from His Word (blessed is He):

## **Key New Testament Scriptures**

### Matthew 9:13

*As for you, go and learn what this means: 'I want compassion rather than animal-sacrifices.' For I didn't come to call the 'righteous,' but sinners!' (Mat 9:13 CJB)*

### Matthew 9:36

*When he saw the crowds, he had compassion on them because they were harried and helpless, like sheep without a shepherd.*

### Matthew 14:14

*So when he came ashore, he saw a huge crowd; and, filled with compassion for them, he healed those of them who were sick.*

### Mark 8:2

*I feel sorry for these people, because they have been with me three days, and now they have nothing to eat.*

### Luke 7:13

*When the Lord saw her, he felt compassion for her and said to her, "Don't cry."*

### James 5:11

*Look, we regard those who persevered as blessed. You have heard of the perseverance of Iyov, and you know what the purpose of ADONAI was, that ADONAI is very compassionate and merciful.*

## **Additional New Testament Scriptures**

Mark 1:41, 5:19, 6:34, 8:2

Luke 6:36

Hebrews 4:15

## **Related New Testament Mitzvot**

AA10 Having Godly Compassion

AA24 Being Tenderhearted

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DA11 Bearing the Weaknesses and Burdens of the Powerless  
DA12 Being Kind to One Another  
DA24 Loving Our Brother and Neighbor  
DA29 Being Merciful and Not Cruel, Brutal, Heartless, or Ruthless  
DA36 Forgiving Our Brother Who Sins Against Us  
DA37 Forgiving Our Neighbor Who Sins Against Us  
DA46 Comforting Our Neighbor  
DA51 Not Being Mean to One Another

### **Supportive Tanakh Scriptures**

#### Psalms 78:38

*Yet he, because he is full of compassion, forgave their sin and did not destroy; many times he turned away his anger and didn't rouse all his wrath.*

#### Psalms 86:15

*But you, Adonai, are a merciful, compassionate God, slow to anger and rich in grace and truth.*

#### Psalms 103:13

*Just as a father has compassion on his children, ADONAI has compassion on those who fear him.*

#### Isaiah 14:1

*For ADONAI will have compassion on Ya'akov- he will once again choose Isra'el and resettle them in their own land, where foreigners will join them, attaching themselves to the house of Ya'akov.*

#### Isaiah 30:18

*Yet ADONAI is just waiting to show you favor, he will have pity on you from on high; for ADONAI is a God of justice; happy are all who wait for him!*

#### Lamentations 3:21-22

*But in my mind I keep returning to something, something that gives me hope – that the grace of ADONAI is not exhausted, that his compassion has not ended.*

#### Hosea 11:8

*Efrayim, how can I give you up, or surrender you, Isra'el? How could I treat you like Admah or make you like Tzvoyim? My heart recoils at the idea, as compassion warms within me.*

### **Comment**

Compassion is part feeling and part cognitive identification with a person's trials and ordeals. Scripture says that God and Yeshua are both compassionate and merciful. Their compassion often leads to mercy, but there are times when it does not, such as when justice requires

punishment. Knowing about their compassion and knowing it firsthand are two different things. We know about their compassion from Scripture, but we know it firsthand when we are its recipient despite our knowing how unworthy we are to have received it. Knowing about it and knowing the blessing of it are both required of us in this *Mitzvah*.

**Related Mitzvot in Volumes 1 & 2**

G11 Being Thankful to God and Blessing Him in All Things

G20 Knowing God & Who He Is

M08 Being Humane in Our Dominion over God's Creatures

N18 Being Compassionate & Merciful Toward Our Neighbor