



Lord, have mercy
The steadfast love of the LORD never ceases,
his mercies never come to an end; they are new
every morning;
great is your faithfulness.
Lamentations 3 (NIV Translation)

The Hebrew word which is translated as mercy (eleos in Greek) is **hesed** and means steadfast love.

Hesed is who God is.

God's loving kindness is part of his character and because of that, it never changes. His loving kindness is never less on one day or more for someone else. When Moses asked to see God's glory, God tucked him into a cleft on Mt. Sinai and passed by proclaiming himself:

*The Lord, the Lord, the compassionate and gracious God, slow to anger, abounding in **love** (hesed) and faithfulness, maintaining **love** (hesed) to thousands, and forgiving wickedness, rebellion and sin....*

Exodus 34:6-7 (NIV translation)