

My Loved Ones:

Psalm 40:11 says, “Do not withhold Your tender mercies from me, O LORD; / Let Your lovingkindness and Your truth continually preserve me.”

Here is the first hint in this psalm that trouble is near. In other words, David is facing a difficulty, but what’s he’s done so far is recount and remember all of the LORD’s past blessings and deliverance for him; this gives him confidence to face the future and pray for God’s help. Loved ones, do the same. Stop and write and record the past blessings; review them, and then go to God in prayer for your present needs.

Really, this verse in Hebrew is not a prayer of asking as much as a statement to God telling God in confidence of what God will do based on God’s character. “You will not withhold... Your lovingkindness and Your truth will continually preserve me.” He knows God’s character, and takes it to the bank of Heaven. Loved ones, take God’s character as what He says, and go to Him in prayer based on those facts. Jesus, when facing Calvary in the Garden of Gethsemane, could approach His future with confidence in praying something like this. Loved ones, you can, too!

God’s mercies are tender and loving, not harsh. He doesn’t want to beat you down with an iron fist. If you come to Him, you can rest assured that He has tender mercies for you. His Name, LORD (Yehwah) assures that He is faithful to you: “I AM = I always have been what I always will be.”

God’s lovingkindness is His steadfast love, or His loyal love to us, even though we are undeserving.

God’s truth preserves us continually as well. Are you in a place where you can be preserved by His truth? Are you reading His truth regularly so that you can get preserved continually?

Another aspect of the LORD’s truth is that this word is literally translated “veracity.” He is dependable, reliable and impeccable in His character and Word. You can trust Him, and He will preserve you in difficulties.

Praying for you today, my loved ones.