

TEXT: Exodus 34:6

TITLE: "God is Long-suffering!"
(Series: Attributes of God)

→ Evidence for God's Long-Suffering

The English word long-suffering means as an adjective, "bearing injuries, insults, trouble, etc. patiently for a long time" and as a noun, "long and patient endurance of injuries, insults, trouble, etc."

1. The LORD'S S -D

Exodus 34:6-7

And the LORD passed before him and proclaimed, "The LORD, the LORD God, merciful and gracious, **longsuffering**, and abounding in goodness and truth, who keeps lovingkindness for thousands, who forgives iniquity, transgression and sin; yet He will by no means leave *the guilty* unpunished, visiting the iniquity of fathers on the children and on the grandchildren to the third and fourth generations."

2. David's S T

Psalms 86:15

But You, O Lord, *are* a God full of compassion, and gracious, **Longsuffering** and abundant in mercy and truth.

Compassion

Gracious

Longsuffering

Abundant in Mercy and Truth

Psalms 103:8

The LORD *is* merciful and gracious, **Slow to anger**, and abounding in mercy.

Merciful

Gracious

Slow to Anger

Abounding in Mercy

Psalms 145:8-9

The LORD *is* gracious and full of compassion, **Slow to anger** and great in mercy.
The LORD *is* good to all,
And His tender mercies *are* over all His works.

Gracious

Full of Compassion

Slow to Anger

Great in Mercy

Good

Tender Mercies

A. Long-Suffering among Amazing Attributes

B. Long-Suffering experienced by God's People

3. MOSES' A E

Numbers 14:18

The LORD *is* **longsuffering** and abundant in mercy, forgiving iniquity and transgression; but He by no means clears *the guilty*, visiting the iniquity of the fathers on the children to the third and fourth *generation*.'

A. God Sent Spies to the Promised Land

→ Numbers 13:1-2

B. Ten Spies Returned with a Negative, Faithless Report

→ Numbers 13:27-29

C. Caleb Responded with a Faith Answer

→ Numbers 13:30

D. Ten Spies Doubled Down with Doubt

→ Numbers 13:31-33

E. Israel Gripped Against Moses and God

→ Numbers 14:1-5

F. Joshua and Caleb Demonstrated Divine Perspective

→ Numbers 14:6-9

G. Israel Wanted to Stone Them

→ Numbers 14:10

H. The LORD Is Grieved

→ Numbers 14:10b-12

I. Moses Reasons with the LORD about His Power

→ Numbers 14:13-17

J. Moses Reminds the LORD about His Attributes

→ Numbers 14:18-19

K. The LORD listens to Moses and Pardons the People

→ Numbers 14:20

L. The Doubters and Discouragers Would Be Disciplined

→ Numbers 14:21-23

→ **NOTE: The Nation of Israel was not destroyed. God exercised great patience, but the doubters were disciplined!**

APPLICATION:

→ *Evidence # 4 for God's Long-Suffering is how kindly He has dealt with you and me!*

- 1. Have you ever noticed that we desire Justice for those who wrong us, but MERCY when we sin against God?*
- 2. I want God to be quick to judge the sins of others but long-suffering in dealing with mine.*
- 3. God's patience and long-suffering do have a limit.*
- 4. Faithlessness grieves Him—Believe Him! Believe the Gospel! God has patiently borne with you until now. Come to Christ today!*