

The Rare Gem of Hese

Psalm 36

1. Man _____ Hese (v. 1-4)

* An oracle regarding the rebellion of the guilty

- a. No _____ of God before his eyes
- b. He _____ himself to avoid hating his sin
- c. His _____ are harm and deceit
- d. He ceased to have _____ to do good
- e. He will plan harm upon his _____
- f. He will stand firm upon a bad _____
- g. He will not _____ evil

2. The _____ of Hese (v. 5-6)

- a. _____ hese and reliability
- b. _____ righteousness
- c. _____ judgment
- d. _____ Yahweh (of the covenant)

3. The _____ of Hese (v. 7-9)

- a. _____ or costly
 - i. _____ – believers seek refuge
 - ii. _____ – believers enjoy His house
 - iii. _____ – believers see His light
 - With Him is the fountain of life
 - With His light is light visible

4. The _____ of Hese (v. 10-12)

- a. Believers desire its _____
- b. Believers _____ the hands & feet of enemies
- c. Believers will see the _____ of evildoers

*The **hese** of the LORD never ceases, his mercies never come to an end; they are new every morning; great is your faithfulness... For the LORD will not cast off forever, but, though he cause grief, he will have compassion according to the abundance of his **hese**; for he does not afflict from his heart or grieve the children of men.*

Lamentations 3:22-23, 31-33

*The LORD passed before [Moses] and proclaimed, 'The LORD, the LORD, a God merciful and gracious, slow to anger, and abounding in **hese** and faithfulness, keeping **hese** for thousands, forgiving iniquity and transgression and sin, but who will by no means clear the guilty, visiting the iniquity of the fathers on the children and the children's children, to the third and the fourth generation.'*

Exodus 34:6-7

Follow-Up Quotes and Notes

"In different versions of the Bible, you may see [**hese**] translated as "mercy," "kindness," "goodness," "faithfulness," "loyalty." There's no single English word that quite gets it, which is why some translators have used more than one word: "steadfast love," "loyal love," "loving-kindness."

Usually, as one scholar puts it, "the word describes something that happens within an existing relationship, whether between two human beings or between God and man. In human relationships, *hese* implies loving our neighbor, not merely in terms of warm emotional feelings but in acts of love and service that we owe to the other person simply because he is part of the covenant community."

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Other passages on Hese

1. Read Psalm 136. Why this refrain throughout the Psalm?
2. Read Proverbs 19:21-23. Why is *hese* desired in a man?
3. Read Micah 6:8 (ESV phrase "to love kindness" is literally "to love *hese*"). What does it mean and why does the LORD require it of the believer?
4. Read Lamentations 3:19-33. This passage is in the heart of this book. Why this teaching in the middle of mourning?
5. Read Exodus 34:1-9. Consider the context. What grace!