

# God's Thirteen Attributes

## Exodus 34:5-7

Moses went up on Mount Sinai, and the Lord descended in the cloud and stood there while Moses called on the name of the Lord. Then the Lord passed by in front of him and proclaimed:

*Adonai, Adonai: Lord, the repetition of Your name teaches us that You are the same merciful Lord before a man commits a sin, and the same merciful and forgiving Lord after a man has sinned!*

Elohim: Lord, You are God, the Mightiest One, the all-powerful Master of the universe, the Ruler over all of creation and over mankind!

*Compassionate: Lord, You are full of sympathy for the sufferings and miseries of humanity.*

Gracious: Lord, You console the afflicted and help the oppressed, even when we don't deserve it! Thank You that Your grace is sufficient for us.

*Slow To Anger: You are not quick to punish sinners. You do not desire the death of the wicked. You want us to turn to You, and be saved!*

Abounding In Love: You are great in love and mercy, granting gifts and blessings beyond anything that we deserve.

*Truth: Lord, You are true, real, reliable, faithful, loyal and trustworthy. You will never lie, break a promise, or not fulfill a covenant. You will never fail, disappoint, or let us down!*

Who Keeps Love For Thousands: Lord, You will bless the righteous to the maximum degree possible, extending Your love to their remotest descendants, even to a thousand generations!

*Who Forgives Iniquity: Lord, You forgive that aspect of sin that has changed man's nature, which is now crooked, bent, twisted, perverse and depraved.*

Who Forgives Transgression: Lord, You forgive sin that is done with knowledge. You forgive deliberate trespass, active rebellion and enmity against You. Thank You that You are willing to forgive even these high-handed kinds of sins!

*Who Forgives Sin: Lord, You forgive actions that miss the mark, when we aim for the goal but fall short. You, O Lord, are willing to forgive these heedless, careless kinds of errors.*

Yet You 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: Lord, You are merciful, gracious and forgiving, but You will never obliterate the eternal separation between good and evil and light and darkness. You cannot leave obstinate persistence in evil unpunished.