

# Psalms 25:6

Authorized King James Version (KJV)

Remember, O LORD, thy tender mercies and thy lovingkindnesses; for they have been ever of old.

## Analysis

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The plea 'Remember, O LORD, thy tender mercies and thy lovingkindnesses' asks God to act according to His covenant character. 'Tender mercies' (rachamim) evokes the compassion of a parent; 'lovingkindnesses' (chasadim) refers to covenant loyalty. 'For they have been ever of old' grounds the petition in God's eternal, unchanging nature. Reformed theology emphasizes immutability: God's character doesn't change, so His past mercy guarantees future mercy toward His people. Prayer appeals to God's revealed character.

## Historical Context

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Israel's liturgy constantly rehearsed God's past mercies (Exodus, wilderness provision, conquest) to bolster faith for present needs. This practice of 'remembering' God's attributes anchored hope when circumstances looked hopeless.

## Related Passages

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**Romans 10:9** — Confession and belief for salvation

**Ephesians 2:8** — Salvation by grace through faith

**John 15:13** — Greatest form of love

**1 Corinthians 13:4** — Characteristics of love

## Study Questions

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1. How does God's past mercy toward you ground confidence for present needs?
2. What does it mean to appeal to God's 'tender mercies' in prayer?

## Interlinear Text

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Remember	thy tender mercies	O LORD	and thy lovingkindnesses	
H2142	H7356	H3068	H2617	H3588
מִעוֹלָם		הָמָּה:		
for they have been ever of old				
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## Additional Cross-References

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**Psalms 103:17** (References Lord): But the mercy of the LORD is from everlasting to everlasting upon them that fear him, and his righteousness unto children's children;

**Colossians 3:12** (Parallel theme): Put on therefore, as the elect of God, holy and beloved, bowels of mercies, kindness, humbleness of mind, meekness, longsuffering;

**Luke 1:50** (Parallel theme): And his mercy is on them that fear him from generation to generation.

**Luke 1:78** (Parallel theme): Through the tender mercy of our God; whereby the dayspring from on high hath visited us,

**Isaiah 63:15** (Parallel theme): Look down from heaven, and behold from the habitation of thy holiness and of thy glory: where is thy zeal and thy strength, the sounding of thy bowels and of thy mercies toward me? are they restrained?

**Psalms 98:3** (Parallel theme): He hath remembered his mercy and his truth toward the house of Israel: all the ends of the earth have seen the salvation of our God.

**Jeremiah 33:11** (References Lord): The voice of joy, and the voice of gladness, the voice of the bridegroom, and the voice of the bride, the voice of them that shall say, Praise the LORD of hosts: for the LORD is good; for his mercy endureth for ever: and of them that shall bring the sacrifice of praise into the house of the LORD. For I will cause to return the captivity of the land, as at the first, saith the LORD.

**2 Corinthians 1:3** (References Lord): Blessed be God, even the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, the Father of mercies, and the God of all comfort;

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