

Mercy is the act of withholding deserved punishment. Grace is the act of giving an undeserved gift. Mercy and grace are both attributes of God in His love, but they are not the same word, nor bare in their complete forms the same meaning. In the dictionary, grace is defined as courteous goodwill. Meaning, it's not asked for nor deserved, but is freely given. Mercy, on the other hand, is the compassion and kindness shown to someone whom it is in one's power to punish or harm. It's an act meant to relieve someone of their suffering.

When God created man in the garden and gave him the woman, they were meant to live in relationship with YHWH. They were created in His image and perfect and Holy. BUT, when man sinned, it put up a divider between man and God. A wall if you will, and man was on the outside. Let's explore the Paleo-Hebrew letters that form the word Mercy.



Man goes from being on the inside of the garden in the presence of YHWH to being placed OUTSIDE of the Garden away from God

## Chet

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## Wall, separation, divide

 Gen 3:24 So he drove out the man; and he placed at the east of the garden of Eden Cherubim and a flaming sword which turned every way, to keep the way of the tree of life. - CHET- (KHET) A wall or separation or dividing away from. This can also be a wall for security which we will get to later in our study, but for context purposes, when studying mercy, we see this being a separation from.

You'll notice that the purpose of the cherubim was to guard 'the way' to the Tree of Life. This "way" was kept from mankind in general, until Abraham came on the scene. Through his seed, the way would eventually come back to mankind.



• **Isa 30:21** And thine ears shall hear a word behind thee, saying, This *is* the way, walk ye in it, when ye turn to the right hand, and when ye turn to the left.

So, we know that Christ is the Way, The Truth, The Life! Now that we know that Chet means wall, we can safely assume that sin was the Wall that separated us from (The Way). As a matter of fact, the word sin in the Hebrew is Khata with the root being Khet (wall), but now those that YHWH has called can intimately know THE WAY and eventually re-enter the garden, which is confirmed at the end of the Bible.



Revelation 2:7 "He
who has an ear, let him
hear what the Spirit
says to the churches. To
him who overcomes I
will give to eat from the
Tree of Life, which is in
the midst of the
Paradise of God."

Christ is telling us that if we overcome, He will give us access to the tree of life and the paradise, or garden of God. That raises the question, what are we to overcome? And how? ... Moving along with the Paleo-Hebrew letters that make the word for mercy...

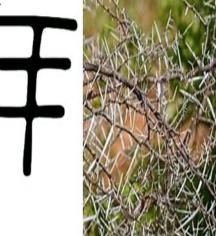
## Samekh

Shield, pierce, sharp

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Psa119:113 SAMECH.

I hate vain thoughts: but thy law do I love. 114 Thou art my hiding place and my shield: I hope in thy word.



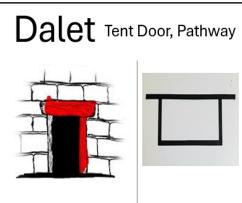
Samek-paleo- Thornbush

In the early days of man, when people would set up a camp or a fence in a flock, to protect them from predators they would circle the camp or flock with these thorn bushes that had long needles on them to protect what was on the inside of them.



Dalet- Tent door, pathway

Jos 2:19 And it shall be, that whosoever shall go out of the doors of thy house into the street, his blood shall be upon his head, and we will be guiltless: and whosoever shall be with thee in the house, his blood shall be on our head, if any hand be upon him.



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Now let's see what those letters look like when we put them together to form the Hebrew word for MERCY.



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CHESED = DALET + SAMECH + CHET

\*read from left to right and it shows the door open which is Christ, who wore the crown of thorns upon His head that brought us behind the wall of His protection (The Blood Line) REFUGE. •Gen 19:19 Behold now, thy servant hath found grace in thy sight, and thou hast magnified thy mercy, which thou hast shewed unto me in saving my life; and I cannot escape to the mountain, lest some evil take me, and I die:

Mercy in Gen. 19:19

Remember that chesed goes beyond mere kindness; it involves steadfast love, loyalty, and compassion

•Gen 39:21 But the LORD was with Joseph, and shewed him mercy, and gave him favour in the sight of the keeper of the prison.

Chesed=Mercy

God is merciful. Anyone who tries to be like God in English is known as Godly while in Hebrew it is "CHASID"

\*\*Although God is merciful, He does not always apply mercy to everything. He is also a God of wrath. Where there is mercy, there is also judgement. AMEN.