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2 COR. 1:3

Blessed be the God and Father
of our Lord Jesus Christ, the
Father of mercies and God of all
comfort,...



PSALM 25:6

Remember, O LORD, Your
tender mercies and Your
lovingkindnesses,
For they are from of old.

PSALM 40:11

Do not withhold Your tender mercies from me, O LORD; Let Your lovingkindness and Your truth continually preserve me.

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2 COR. 1:4-6

⁴who comforts us in all our tribulation, that we may be able to comfort those who are in any trouble, with the comfort with which we ourselves are comforted by God. ⁵For as the sufferings of Christ abound in us, so our consolation also abounds through Christ. ⁶Now if we are afflicted, it is for your consolation and salvation, which is effective for enduring the same sufferings which we also suffer. Or if we are comforted, it is for your consolation and salvation.

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COL. 3:12

Therefore, as the elect of God,
holy and beloved, put on tender
mercies, kindness, humility,
meekness, longsuffering;...

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- II. Father of Lights (James 1:16-18)
 - A. Backdrop to James' message.

JAMES 1:16-18

¹⁶Do not be deceived, my beloved brethren. ¹⁷Every good gift and every perfect gift is from above, and comes down from the Father of lights, with whom there is no variation or shadow of turning. ¹⁸Of His own will He brought us forth by the word of truth, that we might be a kind of firstfruits of His creatures.



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MATTHEW 5:43-48

⁴³ "You have heard that it was said, 'You shall love your neighbor and hate your enemy.' ⁴⁴ "But I say to you, love your enemies, bless those who curse you, do good to those who hate you, and pray for those who spitefully use you and persecute you,...



MATTHEW 5:43-48

⁴⁵ "...that you may be sons of your Father in heaven; for He makes His sun rise on the evil and on the good, and sends rain on the just and on the unjust. ⁴⁶ "For if you love those who love you, what reward have you? Do not even the tax collectors do the same?



MATTHEW 5:43-48

47 “And if you greet your brethren only, what do you do more than others? Do not even the tax collectors do so?

48 Therefore you shall be perfect, just as your Father in heaven is perfect.”

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...by always doing the next right thing!



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Conclusion:

1. How are we doing?
2. Illus.
3. Merciful, full of light and truth, and perfect in every way; that is our Heavenly Father.
4. May we endeavor to go and do likewise!