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Throughout the history of humanity, God will always be the One who is present, close, provident, holy and merciful.

“Patient and merciful.” These words often go together in the Old Testament to describe God’s nature. His being merciful is concretely demonstrated in his many actions throughout the history of salvation where his goodness prevails over punishment and destruction.

(MV 6)

God’s patience is shown by his willingness to allow us to turn back to him in our own time. God’s mercy is shown by his actions on behalf of the lowly. His mercy shows that his love is as powerful as parents’ love for their children.

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O Lord, are a merciful and loving God, always patient, always kind and faithful. Turn to me and have mercy on me; strengthen me and save me.

Psalm 86: 15-16