

greek

have mercy (G1680) ἰλάσκομαι (*hilaskomai*)

the greek emphasizing 'be appeased, be placated – or, make propitiation

*As opposed to: **mercy** (G1653) ἐλεέω (*e-le-e-o*)*

Heb 2:17 - For this reason he had to be made like them, fully human in every way, in order that he might become a merciful* and faithful high priest in service to God, and that he might **make atonement** for the sins of the people

Synonyms: be appeased, be gracious, be propitious, pardon, 'deal bountifully with'

hebrew

merciful / gracious (G2587) חַנּוּן (*khannuwn*)

This is one potential hebrew word with the same connotation

Exod 22:27 - When they cry out to me, I will hear, for I am **gracious**. (KJV)

2Chron 30:9 - ..for the LORD your God is **gracious** and compassionate. He will not turn his face from you if you return to him."

Psalms 86:15 - But you, O Lord, [are] a God compassionate* 7349, and gracious 2587, slow to anger 750639, and abundant in lovingkindness 2617 and truth. (NASB)

Joel 2:13 - Rend your heart and not your garments. Return to the LORD your God, for he is **gracious** and compassionate, slow to anger and abounding in love, and he relents from sending calamity.



Synonyms: gracious, merciful, benevolent, generous, charitable, compassionate*

***Though there is a hebrew word for 'tender love' which may be more appropriate as 'compassion':**

***(rachum) רַחֻם (H7349)**

Word Study Luke 18:13

But the tax collector stood at a distance. He would not even look up to heaven, but **beat** his breast and said, 'God, **have mercy** on me, a sinner.'

56:7



Austin House of Prayer

'God, have mercy on me'

From the Matthew Henry Commentary: (*emph. mine*)

The publican (tax collector) went to the temple because it was appointed to be a *house of prayer for all people*, [Isa. 56:7](#). The Pharisee came to the temple upon a *compliment*, the publican upon business; the Pharisee to make his appearance, the publican to make his request.

He expressed his repentance and humility in *what he did*; and his gesture, when he addressed himself to his devotions, was *expressive* of great seriousness and humility, and the proper clothing of a broken, penitent, and obedient heart. (1.) He *stood afar off*. The Pharisee *stood*, but crowded up as high as he could, to the upper end of the court; the publican *kept at a distance* under a sense of his unworthiness to draw near to God, and perhaps for fear of offending the Pharisee, whom he observed to look scornfully upon him, and of disturbing his devotions. Hereby he owned that God might justly *behold him afar off*, and send him into a state of eternal distance from him, and that it was a great favour that God was pleased to admit him *thus nigh*.

'beat' or 'smote' (KJV) (G5180) ΤΥΠΤΩ (typto)

Luke 12:45 - But suppose the servant says to himself, 'My master is taking a long time in coming,' and he then begins to **beat** the other servants, both men and women, and to eat and drink and get drunk.

Acts 23:2 - At this the high priest Ananias ordered those standing near Paul to **strike** him on the mouth.

1 Cor 8:12 - When you sin against them in this way and **wound** their weak conscience, you sin against Christ.