

The Parental Compassion of God—Hosea 11:1-11
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Although the nation of Israel wandered from the covenant like a prodigal son, God, their Father, continued to love them with great *compassion*. Likewise, when we come to God through faith in *the* Son, the Lord Jesus, He becomes *our compassionate Father* who is devoted to us. Through the heart-cry of our Father in this evocative text, we recognize God's great compassion for His own in at least three ways:

1. His nurturing compassion (11:1-7)

2. His enduring compassion (11:8-9)

3. His saving compassion (11:10-11)