

I AM: Just
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Exodus 34:7

[Yahweh] passed before him and proclaimed, “[Yahweh, Yahweh], a God merciful and gracious, slow to anger, and abounding in steadfast love and faithfulness, 7 keeping steadfast love for thousands, forgiving iniquity and transgression and sin, but who will by no means clear the guilty, visiting the iniquity of the fathers on the children and the children's children, to the third and the fourth generation.”
- Exodus 34:6-7

Yahweh — is different.

The Word(s): Nāṣar; Nāsā; Pāqaḏ

Nāṣar: To guard, to protect, to maintain, to preserve, to keep

- Psalm 40:11

“Yahweh is like a sentry on guard. He wants to make sure that you get His hesed. But not just you! He’s ‘maintaining love to thousands!’ It’s not just for a few of His favorites — it’s limitless!”
- John Mark Comer

Nāsā: To lift up, to carry, to take away

“In a great manifestation of His character, God does not reluctantly forgive sins against Himself and others; He does so eagerly.”
- Prof. Douglas Stewart

Pāqaḏ: To reckon, to seek, to care for

In our sin, there is nothing we need more than a visit from this God of compassion!

The Significance: Yahweh *Just* won’t give up!

God *hates* sin—but why?

God hates sin because sin stands *against* the people He stands *FOR*!

“Sin, at its root, is always about not trusting God. We want to make it about temptation and a lack of self-control, and it is. But, under the facade, it’s about not trusting Yahweh’s character.”

The Way: Jesus - the Lamb of God - is the *Just*-Justifier!

- John 1:29
- Romans 3:25a

“Open your eyes: This is what God is like! In spite of all the talk in the Bible about Yahweh’s wrath, nobody can accuse Yahweh of being mean. Yes, He gets angry, but He takes that anger on Himself. He does not make you and me pay for our sin—he pays for it. With the currency of His own blood. We sin—Jesus dies. Jesus dies—we live on in relationship with the Father. Welcome to the Kingdom of God, my friends.”

- John Mark Comer

Challenge *FOR* Every Alaskan:

1. Fall on your face and worship!

“And Moses quickly bowed his head toward the earth and worshipped.”

Exodus 34:8