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A. In Nature B. In His Actions (James 1:17)

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2 Pet 3:9 NLT *The Lord isn't really being slow about His promise, as some people think. No, He is being patient for your sake. He does not want anyone to be destroyed, but wants everyone to repent.*

3. The **reasons** for God's Kindness.

Opportunity

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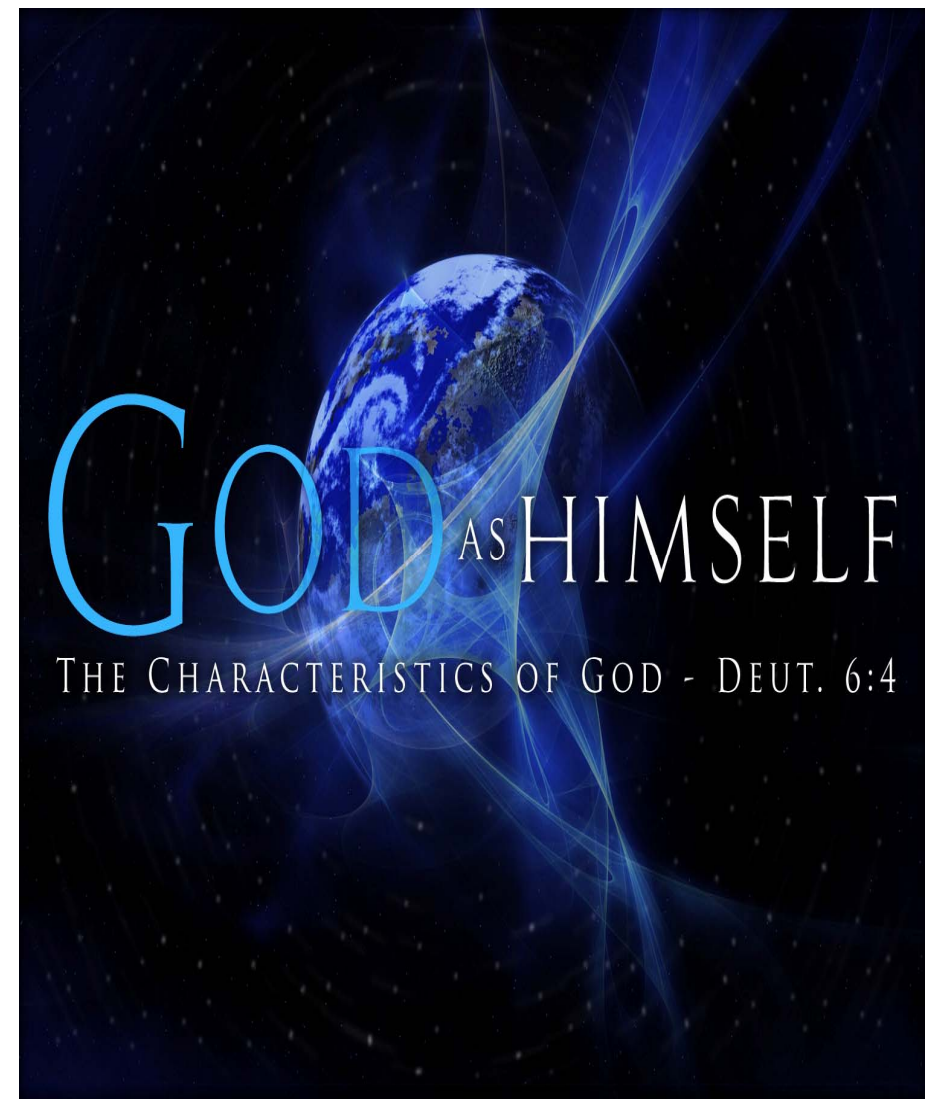
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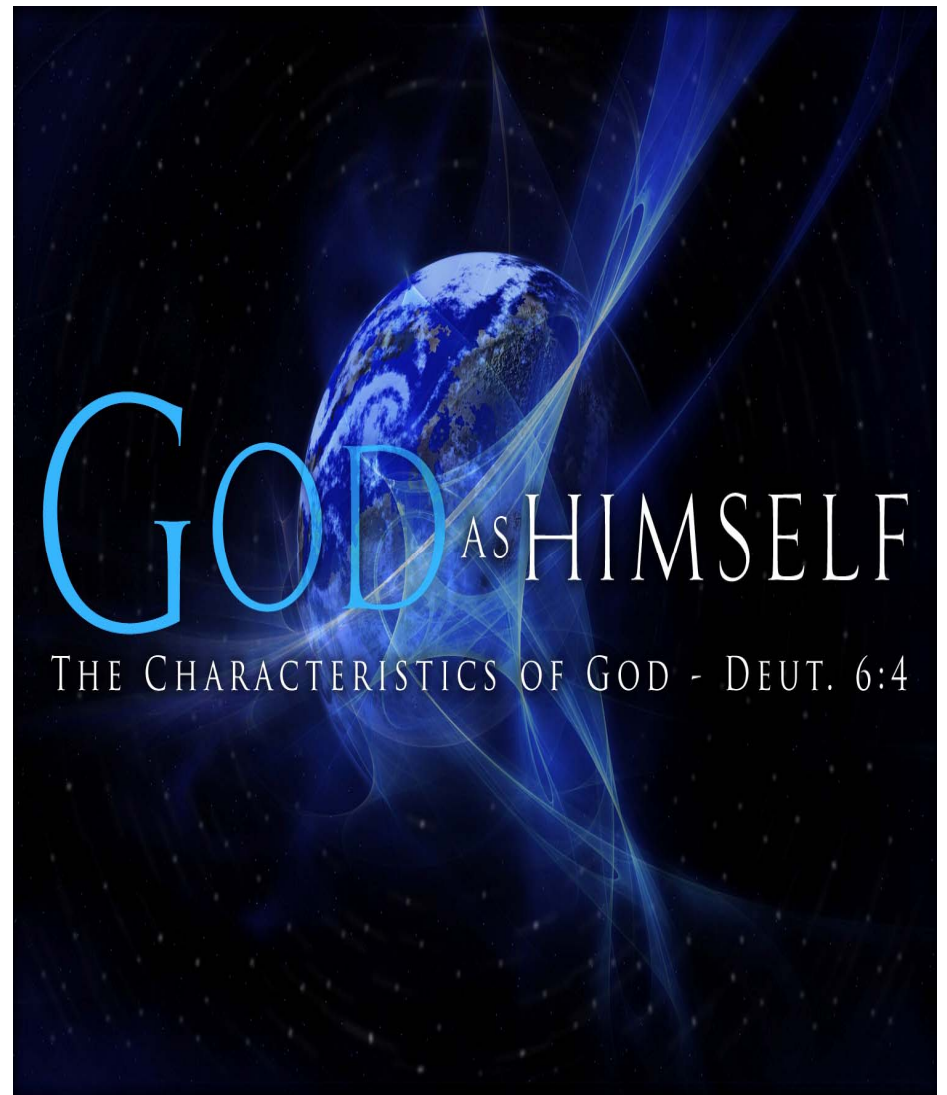
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