**Word Study for “Everlasting Punishment”**

**Everlasting**: *owlam* in Hebrew (5769)

Long duration; for ever; perpetual; always; continuous existence; indefinite or unending future, eternity

**Mercy and kindness**: *checed*: 2617 (Strong’s Hebrew)

Kindness; lovingkindness; goodness; merciful; favor; faithfulness

**Mercy**: 1828 Webster’s Dictinary

That benevolence, mildness or tenderness of heart which disposes a person to overlook injuries, ro to treat an offender better than he deserves;

The disposition that tempers justice and induces an injured person to forgive trespasses and injuries, and to forbear punishment, or inflict less than law or justice will warrant.

That which comes nearest to grace. It implies benevolence, tenderness, mildness, pity or compassion, and clemency.

Mercy is a distinguishing attribute of the Supreme Being.

An act or exercise of mercy or favor.

Pity; compassion; clemency

Charity or the duties of charity and benevolence

**kindness**:

good will; benevolence; that disposition which delights in contributing to the happiness of other

kindness ever accompanies love.

Acts of good will; beneficence

Charity; hospitality; attentions to the wants of others

Acts of kindness

**Passages from Mary Baker Eddy’s writings:**

SH 9:11-14 If selfishness has given place to **kindness**,   
we shall regard our neighbor unselfishly, and bless   
them that curse us; but we shall never meet this great   
duty simply by asking that it may be done.

SH 365:31-2 The poor suffering heart needs its rightful nutriment, such as peace, patience in tribulation, and a priceless sense of the dear   
Father’s **loving-kindness.**

SH 384:6-9 God never punishes man for doing right, for honest labor, or for   
deeds of **kindness**, though they expose him to fatigue,   
cold, heat, contagion.

SH 405:5-9 Christian Science commands man to master the pro-  
pensities, — to hold hatred in abeyance with **kindness**,   
to conquer lust with chastity, revenge with   
charity, and to overcome deceit with hon-  
esty.

Mis. 117:13  Obedience is the offspring of Love; and Love is the   
Principle of unity, the basis of all right thinking and   
acting; it fulfils the law. We see eye to eye and know as we   
are known, reciprocate **kindness** and work wisely, in   
proportion as we love.

My. 42:2- We have found it true that “she   
openeth her mouth with wisdom; and in her tongue is   
the law of **kindness**.”

My. 121:20-21 No deformity exists in honesty, and no vulgarity in **kindness**.

SH 248:29-32 Let unselfishness, **goodness, mercy**, justice,   
health, holiness, love — the kingdom of heaven — reign   
within us, and sin, disease, and death will diminish until   
they finally disappear.

SH 329:26 The (only) The pardon of divine **mercy** is the destruction of error.

SH 465:14-15 The attributes of God are justice,   
mercy, wisdom, goodness, and so on.

SH 578:16-18 Surely goodness and **mercy** shall follow me all the days of   
my life; and I will dwell in the house [the consciousness]   
of [love] for ever.

Mis. 11:3-4   Love is the fulfilling of the law: it is grace, **mercy**,   
and justice.

Mis. 154:27-28 Strive for self-abnegation, justice, meekness, **mercy**, purity, love.

My. 283:23-25 “To do justly, and to love **mercy**, and to walk humbly” is the stand-  
ard of Christian Science.