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**Abstract** The article "The basis of catechesis about God's mercy in the Old Testament" consists of four parts. The problem of mercy shown by God to God's People of the Old Covenant has been introduced in the following issues that are discussed here: God gives life and saves from death; God is bound with people with bonds of love, many times forming covenants; God forgives the infidelities, treasons and sins committed by man; God is worried about the fate of His People. In the light of the discussion of these issues God appears as a Father "rich in mercy", which He gives to Israel - the Nation He chose from all the nations.