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Well, in this short video, I'm going to respond to a question, we get many questions and most we do not have the opportunity to respond to but this one, I thought was Of special importance. And instead of doing so, in a written fashion, I thought it would be good to make a brief video. So first, I'd like to read the question to you it says, concerning God's mercy, how is it that his mercy is displayed in the midst of affliction? And also judgment? Also, is it possible to come to a point where God's mercy and grace is withdrawn? Due to habitual and continuous sin, causing judgment to come? Without any remedy? Now, great question, and there's several parts to it. But in order to answer it, we need to have some clarification. Now, I did not ask for clarification for a reason. I want to look at this this issue from a couple of different vantage points. See, first and foremost, we have to ask ourselves, are we talking about a believer or a non believer? Now, this question came also with some requests. And that is, can we have some biblical verses to help us understand and for the support of what you're saying, and I to begin with one, verse Ephesians, chapter two, verses four and five, of course, a very foundational chapter in regard to salvation. And this is what it says, But God, who is rich in mercy, and because of his great love in which He has loved us, even while we were dead in trespasses, he made us alive together with Messiah, very important, with Messiah, if we're not with Messiah, we can't be given life. And here the context for life is salvation. So made alive together with Messiah, For by grace, you have been saved. So if we're talking about someone who has been saved, let me say it another way, someone who has been born again, then that person is never going to be in a situation where God's grace and his mercy is removed from that person. Want to give another scripture because this is going to be helpful in understanding why I say what I say. The Scripture is another well known verse, Romans chapter 12. Let's look at the first two verses Romans 12. And verses one and two where it says, And Paul is speaking, of course, and he says, I beseech you a strong requests, one with urgency and significance, I beseech you, therefore, brethren, now notice, who is he speaking to believers, and he says, by the mercies of God, that you do something, that you present your bodies a living sacrifice, what type of living sacrifice, one that is holy and well pleasing to God, this is the proper, the expected surface for every believer. And therefore he goes on and says, And do not be conformed to this world, but rather be ye transformed by literally, by the renewed mind, that you may document that you might proof what is good and well pleasing, and the perfect will of God. Now, notice, here it talks about mercy. And that mercy is going to work in a true believers life to cause them to live sacrificially in regard to the

purposes of God, and want to live in a way that demonstrates that they had the mind of Messiah doesn't say, the renewing of your mind, but by the renewed mind, and I believe that's the mind of Messiah, that we can do something that we can document what is good, that is what is the will of God and what is acceptable, please Scene, what is proper, according to that will of God. So a real believer, God's mercy is going to work in their life to produce obedience. Now another verse of scripture, let's take one from the Old Testament from Second Chronicles chapter 30. And verse nine towards the end. It says, For the Lord, your God is gracious and merciful, and He will not turn his face from you, if you return to Him. Now, let me review a few things before we move into this next part. If you are a believer, God will never remove his mercy and grace from you. If you're a believer, and true believers are going to live and be motivated by the mercy of God that demonstrates the perfect will of God. Does that mean we don't struggle with sin? Of course, all people struggle with sin. But we should be growing and maturing and having victory over sin. Can a true believer fall into a time of being in a state of what's commonly referred to as being backslidden? Yes, but God has suffered. And God is able, in order to cause you to turn away from that he can turn up the pressure that is brought about by rebellious pneus to him so that you turn away from sin. And once again, be renewed in your relationship with him that's not being saved. Again, it's just seeing that relationship that has gone through some difficult times being healed and renewed, God will bring it about. Now remember what the scripture or the question was asked. It says concerning God's mercy. How is it displayed in affliction? Well, again, we have to ask, what did the people mean by affliction? affliction, how I understood it, how I want to respond to it, is when I'm being afflicted by the enemy. Let me say it another way, when I'm being persecuted, God's mercy is going to see me through that God is going to be compassionate and merciful to give me what I need to overcome this affliction, this persecution. Now, if we're talking about judgment, because in regard to this question, it says, How is God's mercy displayed in affliction? Why responded to that? And also in judgment? Now, are we speaking about judgment in the sense of discipline believers. And this goes back to what I made mention of earlier, if I'm a believer, and I'm in sin, and rebellious, God's good to discipline me, we can call that judgment. God's going to place his punishment upon me to bring about repentance, to cause me to turn back to Him in faith and obedience. He's faithful, that is mercy for him to judge me and discipline me, as the scripture says, whom the Lord loves He disciplines. So the first part of this question is this. For a believer, God's not going to take away his mercy and grace, in the times of affliction and persecution, he is going to give us mercy, and over to endure, to persevere and to overcome. If we're a believer, and we're in rebellious SNESSs, it's not going to last a long time. He is going to be merciful. And he is going to discipline us and produce in us, a change God's suffered, He can make things very uncomfortable, and he's able to break his children in order that they return to Him. Now, let's deal with a another important part. Because this same question said, does there come a point where God's mercy and grace is withdrawn due to habitual and continuous sin, causing judgment, not persecution, but judgment to come without any remedy? Now for a believer know, for a non believer, there are scriptures that speak to that and I'd like to address those. First of all, I call your attention to Romans chapter one and verse 28. Now these are individuals who knew the truth, they knew that God is read the context. For example, that same chapter, verse 19, they knew that there was a God, they knew the expectations of God, but they rejected them. They refuse to submit to what they knew about God. And because of that, it says, and they did not like to retain God in their knowledge, they didn't want to act in light of their knowledge. And therefore, because of that, God gave them over to a debased mind, a depraved mind, to do the things, meaning God allowed them to just do the things which were not fitting, not proper, those things that can be an abomination, God turned them over for

that. Now, they can reach a time and we'll come to this in a moment, they can reach a time where being in sin becomes comfortable. They choose that and they don't want to repent, they don't agree with repentance, they reject the standards of God. And what happens then Well, let me give you another scripture. First Timothy, chapter four, and verse two, again, First Timothy, chapter four, verse two, which speaks up the same type of individual. And it says, speaking lies in hypocrisy. Hear that carefully. They're speaking lies, and they know their lies. That's why it says in hypocrisy, they know what's right. But they don't do it. They present a falsehood, a falseness about them. So we see in the Scripture, speaking lies in hypocrisy. And what happens, having their own conscience seared with a hot iron. Now, conscience is what everyone has even unbelievers, they're born with a conscience again, you can go back to Romans one, and see that and they reject over and over what the conscience is saying, the conscience. It is in Hebrew, the word mutt spoon, which is derived from the same word mots pen, which is the compass it's a moral compass. They know the right thing. Now, do they know everything? No, the conscience is limited. It's much better to have scriptural truth, and to have the Holy Spirit leading and guiding you with the Word of God than just your conscience. But the conscious to a degree, is able to discern a portion of of God's revelation. He puts it in them to know it's wrong to steal, it's not good to lie. It's not proper to do these things. And they're inwardly convicted by the conscience. When you say no, over and over and over to the conscience, you can indeed fall into the category. It's a theological term, the word reprobate, that word in some translations appear in the Bible, we'll talk about what it is in a moment. But one can be in the state, a non believer can be in a state, due to habitual and continuous sin. A believer is never going to be in habitual and continuous sin. But a non believer May and it will affect their conscience See, or their conscience, where they are in a state where they're heading for judgment, and nothing's going to change that. They have rejected God, that conscience speaking to them. They've rejected it over and over, and he turns them over. Let me give you another scripture. Second Timothy, chapter three and verse eight, now talks about some some people that were rebellious in the days of Moses, and they did what it says that they resisted the truth, meaning they rejected it, they knew it. And some would say they were convicted that it's right. They knew it was truth, but they rejected it. And because they knew it was right, and they rejected it, they became people of a reprobate mind, a depraved mind. Now, that word is a very interesting one. We'll talk about it perhaps later, but it says that the end of that verse, verse eight, Second Timothy, chapter three, verse eight, that they became dis approved, and that disapproved is another some translation uses word reprobate. Now, what does that mean? Well, the word here is the word where we get the English term document and it has a negative they don't document what they should, they are refusing their nature is always the go against documenting the faith. So notice, it says, disapproved concerning the faith. They refuse to document to prove that the truth of Scripture is right. And therefore they can become reprobate, one verse and will be done. Titus chapter one and verse 16. Titus chapter one, verse 16. Notice they profess to know God, but in works they deny him, and what are they, they become an abomination, they are disobedient. And once again, disqualified, there's that same word disqualified. They refuse to document what is right. They know what's right. They understand it, but they refuse, they reject it. And when one does that, repeatedly, it affects their conscience. And because they're a non believer, they move further and further away from God. And reprobate means they become in a position where they're not going to be saved, not because God's unwilling, God's unable, it's because they have rejected His revelation so much that they become that that grace becomes a imperative. It cannot penetrate the hardness of their hearts and their heart does of the hearts came about for for refusing the truth that God convicted them off. So I hope that goes a little way. In in

answering that question, I want to clarify, a believer will never be in continuous and habitual sin. Now, can we struggle with sin? We do. Can we struggle with a particular sin for a considerable amount of time? Yes. But here's the key, we struggle in it. We're not at peace, and we don't affirm Oh, it's okay. That it's alright. No, we're grieved about it. And we're praying, God helped me with that. And it impacts us in a very, very negative way. And we want to turn away but we struggle, that is a sign of one's faith. And let me tell you that God does give freedom, he does give what victory over such a sin that people struggle with whatever it might be, and it'll be different things for different people. But we can no victory Psalm, and I've had testimonies that people have struggled for years with a particular issue. And then God gives victory. And, and he's gracious to do so. But for a non believer, when you know the truth, and you reject, you're not interested in the things of God, and you reject that conscience, over and over, you can become reprobate, where one can find themselves where God just sets them aside. There is no more pricking their conscience, no more moving of the spirit with them. They are left to themselves. They're reprobate. And there is no solution other than a judgment of God that brings about their eternal condemnation. Well, I'll close with that. I hope that helped somewhat in answering and responding to that very important question. Shalom.