



The Mercy of God

LUKE 1-2:20

MERRY CHRISTMAS!

INTRODUCTION

Q: When was the Last time you thought deeply about the Mercy of God.

Luke 18:10 - 18:14

“Two men went up into the temple to pray, one a Pharisee and the other a tax collector. The Pharisee stood and was praying these things to himself: ‘God, I thank You that I am not like other people: swindlers, unjust, adulterers, or even like this tax collector. I fast twice a week; I pay tithes of all that I get.’ **But the tax collector, standing some distance away, was even unwilling to lift up his eyes to heaven, but was beating his chest, saying, ‘God, be merciful to me, the sinner!’** I tell you, this man went down to his house justified rather than the other, for everyone who exalts himself will be humbled, but he who humbles himself will be exalted.”

Definition of: **MERCY**

Mercy. One of the most essential qualities of God (Ex 34:6, 7; Dt 4:31; Mi 7:18–20). Specifically, it designates that quality in God by which he faithfully keeps his promises and maintains his covenant relationship with his chosen people **despite their unworthiness and unfaithfulness** (Dt 30:1–6; Is 14:1; Ez 39:25–29; Rom 9:15, 16, 23; 11:32; Eph 2:4).

kindness, “**lovingkindness,**” “**goodness,**” “**grace,**” “**favor,**” “**pity,**” “**compassion,**” and “**steadfast love.**” Prominent in the concept of mercy is the compassionate disposition to forgive an offender or adversary and to help or spare him in his sorry plight.

A SURVEY OF THE MERCY OF GOD

READ: Genesis Chapter 1 All

Genesis 1:26 - 1:28

Then God said, “**Let Us make man in Our image**, according to Our likeness, **so that they will have dominion over the fish of the sea and over the birds of the sky and over the cattle and over all the earth and over every creeping thing that creeps on the earth.**” And God created man in His own image, in the image of God He created him; male and female He created them. God blessed them, and God said to them, “Be fruitful and multiply, and fill the earth, and subdue it; and have dominion over the fish of the sea and over the birds of the sky and over every living thing that creeps on the earth.”

Compassion of God: **MERCY**

READ: Genesis 2:18-25

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Then Yahweh God said, “It is not good for the man to be alone; I will make him a helper suitable for him.”

Forgiveness/Redemption of God: **MERCY**

READ: GENESIS CHAPTER 3

GENESIS 3:15 **REDEMPTION**

GENESIS 3:21 **FORGIVENESS**

MANKING BECOMES INCREASINGLY EVIL

GENESIS 4: Men begin to kill one another: Cain murders his brother (Cain Gen 4:8) Lamech murders a man and a boy (Gen 4:24)

Genesis 6:5

Then Yahweh saw that the evil of man was great on the earth, and that every intent of the thoughts of his heart was only evil continually.

Favor of God: **MERCY**

NOAH: GEN 6:8 “But Noah found favor in the eyes of Yahweh.”

ABRAHAM: GEN 12:1-3

And Yahweh said to Abram, “Go forth from your land, And from your kin And from your father’s house, To the land which I will show you; And I will make you a great nation, And I will bless you, And make your name great; And so you shall be a blessing; And I will bless those who bless you, And the one who curses you I will curse. And in you all the families of the earth will be blessed.”

Compassion of God: **MERCY**

READ: Ezekiel 16:1-15

“There was nothing special about Abraham that God would choose him”

lovingkindness of God: **MERCY**

Jeremiah 17:9

“The heart is more deceitful than all else And is desperately sick; Who can know it?”

READ: ISAIAH 1:18

“Come now, and let us reason together,” Says Yahweh, “Though your sins are as scarlet, They will be as white as snow; Though they are red like crimson, They will be like wool.

Love of God: MERCY

Jeremiah 31:31 - 31:34

“Behold, days are coming,” declares Yahweh, “when I will cut a new covenant with the house of Israel and with the house of Judah, not like the covenant which I cut with their fathers in the day I took them by the hand to bring them out of the land of Egypt, My covenant which they broke, but I was a husband to them,” declares Yahweh. “But this is the covenant which I will cut with the house of Israel after those days,” declares Yahweh: “I will put My law within them, and on their heart I will write it; and I will be their God, and they shall be My people. And they will not teach again, each man his neighbor and each man his brother, saying, ‘Know Yahweh,’ for they will all know Me, from the least of them to the greatest of them,” declares Yahweh, “for I will forgive their iniquity, and their sin I will remember no more.”

“Despite mans sin and rebellion God
faithfulness, committment, reslove to
redeem is sure”

Prophecy of Jesus: **MERCY**

Yahweh's Promise to David:

2 Samuel 7:12 - 7:13

When your days are fulfilled and you lie down with your fathers, I will raise up one of your seed after you, who will come forth from your own body, and I will establish his kingdom. He shall build a house for My name, and I will establish the throne of his kingdom forever.

Prophecy of Jesus: **MERCY**

Isaiah 7:14

Therefore the Lord Himself will give you a sign:
Behold, the virgin will be with child and bear a
son, and she will call His name Immanuel.

Prophecy of Jesus: **MERCY**

Isaiah 9:6

For a child will be born to us, a son will be given to us; And the government will rest on His shoulders; And His name will be called Wonderful Counselor, Mighty God, Eternal Father, Prince of Peace.

Prophecy of Jesus: **MERCY**

Isaiah 61:1 - 61:3

The Spirit of Lord Yahweh is upon me Because Yahweh has anointed me To bring **good news to the afflicted**;
He has sent me to **bind up the brokenhearted**, To **proclaim release to captives** And **freedom to prisoners**,
To proclaim the favorable year of Yahweh And the day of vengeance of our God, To **comfort all who mourn**,
To grant those who mourn in Zion, Giving them a **headdress instead of ashes**, The **oil of rejoicing instead of mourning**,
The **mantle of praise instead of a spirit of fainting**. So they will be called oaks of righteousness,
The planting of Yahweh, that He may show forth His beautiful glory.

Prophecy of Jesus: **MERCY**

Micah 5:2

But as for you, Bethlehem Ephrathah, Too little to be among the clans of Judah, From you One will go forth for Me to be ruler in Israel. His goings forth are from everlasting, From the ancient days.”

The Birth of a King, Savior, Lord: **MERCY**

READ: Luke 1:5-2:20