

BE MERCIFUL

Just As Your Father Is Merciful

From the following verses record your observations which define, illustrate and demonstrate how mercy is applied. You will discover that many Biblical terms and concepts are related to mercy and used interchangeably with it, such as; goodness, lovingkindness, forgiveness, patience (longsuffering), love, God's faithfulness, compassion, grace, and others. Matthew 5:7 informs us that we will be blessed (spiritually prosperous; happy and will receive mercy) when we show mercy. Matthew 7:12 gives us a powerful relational principle or dynamic that can transform our lives and our attitudes, particularly toward others. It is that we are to treat others the way in which we want to be treated! The title of this study is based on Luke 6:36. Our basis of motivation to apply this principle comes from God's own example in how He has been merciful to us. This same principle is seen in Eph. 4:32 and Jn. 13:15,34. We can only show mercy when we ourselves know and learn experientially how God has been this way to us. When this first hand experience is ours, it will flow out of us in specific ways to others in need.

WHAT IS MERCY?

Gen. 32:10 - God's lovingkindness (pity, sympathy); His willingness to meet our need even though we are unworthy.

II Sam. 24:14

Psa. 69:13

Isa. 55:3

Psa. 25:6

Psa. 119:64

Lam. 3:22-23

Psa. 130:1-7

Isa. 54:7

Psa. 103

Someone has said, "Grace is God giving us what we don't deserve.

Mercy is God withholding from us what we do deserve."

That is true regarding our salvation and Christian life, but the Word goes on to involve a more active concept including anything one does to benefit someone else who is in need (Lk. 10:37)! Isn't that exactly the way God sees us (in need) and responds (to benefit us)?

WHY IS GOD MERCIFUL TO US?

Psa. 103:13-14

Neh. 9:19

Heb. 2:17

Dan. 9:19

Heb. 4:14-16

Another reason God is merciful is because He is the SOURCE OF MERCY!

Ex. 34:6-7

Psa. 62:12

Psa. 103:11

Lk. 6:36

II Cor. 1:3

Jonah 4:2, 10-11

How Is His Mercy Described?

1 Pet. 1:3	Num. 14:18
1 Chron. 16:34, Psa. 89:28	Psa. 36:5
Lam. 3:32	Psa. 145:9
Lam. 3:23	Eph. 2:4
Psa. 86:5,15	Psa. 25:6
Isa. 55:3	

How Has God Been Merciful To Us? To You? (think about it personally)

Titus 3:5	Eph. 2:4-9
Rom. 9:15-23	Isa. 55:7, Psa. 32:5
Psa. 51:1	Jer. 3:12
Lk. 1:72,78	Isa. 54:8
Hos. 14:3	Isa. 49:13, 54:7

What If We Don't Show Mercy?

Js. 2:12-13	Matt. 18:21-35
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Matt. 7:1-2 (same principle)

Psa. 109:14-16

Matt. 6:12, 14-15 (same principle)

Prov. 21:13 (same principle)

.if I cannot forgive or show mercy, how will I effectively receive it from God?

Scriptural Examples of Mercy

I Sam. 24 & 26 (David)	Lk. 10:30-37 (Good Samaritan)
Dan. 9:16 (Daniel)	Num. 12:13 (Moses)
Matt. 9:13, 27 (Jesus)	

In Regards To Mercy What Are We Instructed to Do?

Prov. 11:17	Micah 6:8
Prov. 12:10	Matt. 5:7
Prov. 14:31	Rom. 12:1
Psa. 37:21	Heb. 4:16
Col. 3:12	Lk. 6:36
Lk. 10:37	Rom. 2:4
Rom. 12:8	Matt. 25: 34-40
Zech. 7:9	Hos. 12:6