## **His Mercy Endures Forever**

**Psa 118:1** O give thanks to Jehovah; for *He is* good; because His mercy *endures* forever.

Psa 118:2 Let Israel now say that His mercy endures forever.

Psa 118:3 Let the house of Aaron now say that His mercy endures forever.

Psa 118:4 Let those who fear Jehovah now say that His mercy endures forever.

## What is Mercy?

We have all sung about it, We have all prayed for it at sometime in our lives, we have all used the word for various reasons but what does it truly mean and what does it mean to us when he says that it endures forever?

## mer cy mersē/

noun

1.

compassion or forgiveness shown toward someone whom it is within one's power to punish or harm."the boy was screaming and begging for mercy"

synonyms: leniency, clemency, compassion, grace, pity, charity, forgiveness, forbearance, quarter;

We can all agree that there is not one of us here that has not received Gods gift of mercy, even though we did not deserve it.

God as the creator would be well within his rights just to say enough and end that which he created and never look back.

But that's not what he has done. Even in Sodom, or before the flood he showed his mercy toward those who were undeserving.

But God decided that He was going to make a way to make this work. So he invented and used the cross., one of the most grueling tortures ever to be invented to show his mercy towards all mankind.

Here is the exiting part, this mercy towards us endures forever. But what does that truly mean. We take that word for granted forever.

The Greek word that is used here is:

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o-lawm', o-lawm'

From <u>H5956</u>; properly *concealed*, that is, the *vanishing* point; generally time *out of mind* (past or future), that is, (practically) *eternity*; frequentative adverbially (especially with prepositional prefix) *always*: - always (-s), ancient (time), any more, continuance, eternal, (for, [n-]) ever (-lasting, -more, of old), lasting, long (time), (of) old (time), perpetual, at any time, (beginning of the) world (+ without end).

What this means is really this:

That God is showing forgiveness and compassion to us (in whom it is in his power and within his right as creator to do us harm to utterly destroy us), from the time unimaginable the beginning of time until the end of time, and further.

No matter what I have done in the past, what happens today, or what I do tomorrow Gods mercy will be there for me.

I have been asked on several occasions when does God say enough is enough as in the book of Mathew when he gave them over to their own lusts.

I believe it this way, there are occasions when one has no control over those things in life that cause us harm in the way of sin, as that of an alcoholic, or drug addict that has tried but for some reason rehabs and normal treatments have minimal effect. There are those times when things get out of control and we lose our temper and say those things that we don't mean, or other times that things happen and we spiral down that rabbit hole into sin through word of action. For those of you who say that doesn't happen to me Praise God for he has done an amazing work in you, but for those of us who this hasn't happened to yet I believe that as long as we have a conscience and God is still working on us in that we feel genuinely heartbroken and bitter towards that sin in our lives, we can be assured that Gods mercy is still there for us.

Its when we lose that conscience and start sinning without regard for God or ourselves and feel no remorse, that's when we have lost that which God has so freely given us.

There is no end to his mercy, unless we totally walk away and choose not to except it.