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**God Is Merciful** – “Mercy is that eternal principle of God’s nature that leads Him to seek the temporal good and eternal salvation of those who opposed themselves to His will, even at the cost of infinite sacrifice.”- A.W.Strong God’s great mercy is optional meaning He is under no obligation or compulsion to save sinners (us), as He is to punish sinners (us) but He chooses to do so. Since He is Holy and we fall short of His perfect standard, His justice demands punishment which is death (Rom. 6:23). Therefore, His mercy withholds that which we deserve…Hell! When we believe in Christ’s sacrifice on the cross as paying our sin debt, satisfying God’s justice, He graciously gives us what we don’t deserve… forgiveness of sin and the gift of eternal life, Heaven! The Old Testament speaks four times as much about the mercy of God than the New Testament does (Ps. 136 mentions it 26 times). However in the N.T. Christ is the ultimate High Priest.

Isa. 54:10

Isa. 55:7

Isa. 63:7-9

Jer. 3:12

Lam. 3:22-23

Ezel. 16:42

Dan. 9:9,18

Joel 2:13

Jon. 4:2

Mic. 7:18

Zech. 1:16

Lk. 1:50, 54

Lk. 1:77-78

Lk. 6:35-36

Lk. 18:10-14

Rom. 9:16

Rom. 9:23

Rom. 11:30-32

Rom. 15:9

Eph. 2:4-5

1Tim. 1:13, 16

Titus 3:5

Heb. 2:17

Heb. 4:16

Heb. 8:8, 12

Js. 5:11

1 Pet. 1:3

Jude 21

Gen 18:26

Ex. 15:13

Ex. 20:2, 6

Ex. 33:19

Ex. 34:6-7

Num. 14:18

Deut. 4:31

1 Kgs. 3:6

1 Chron. 16:34

2 Sam. 22:51

2 Sam. 24:14

Neh. 1:5

Neh. 9:31

Ps. 6:4

Ps. 25:6

Ps. 51:1

Ps. 78:38

Ps. 85:10

Ps. 86:5, 15

Ps. 89:1-2, 14

Ps. 103:8-18

Ps. 106:1,7

Ps.107:1

Ps. 116:5

Ps. 118:1-4, 29

Ps. 119:58, 64,

Ps. 119:156

Isa. 54:7-8