

God's Mercy is ...

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God's mercy is mentioned 135 times in Psalms, beginning in *Psalm 4:1*.

Mercy is one of God's names and titles ("the God of my mercy," *Psalm 59:10*). Mercy is a fundamental essence of God's character. This theme rises to a great crescendo in *Psalm 136*, which repeats the expression "for his mercy endureth for ever" in all 26 verses. The psalmist recounts some major aspects of God's deeds and character: goodness, *Psalm 136:1*, God of gods and Lord of lords, *Psalm 136:2-3*, doer of great wonders, *Psalm 136:4*, creator of the heavens, *Psalm 136:5-9*, judge of Egypt, *Psalm 136:10-12*, divider of the Red Sea, *Psalm 136:13-15*, leader of Israel through the wilderness, *Psalm 136:16*, conquerer of the Canaanite kings *Psalm 136:17-20*, giver of the land to Israel, *Psalm 136:21-22*, protector of Israel, *Psalm 136:23-24*, and provider of sustenance to all creatures, *Psalm 136:25*. But in the midst of all this, and as the basis for all of this, is God's eternal mercy, for which men should continually give thanks.

God's mercy endureth for ever. This is repeated 34 times in the Psalms, 26 times in *Psalm 136* alone. It was a major theme at the dedication of Solomon's temple (*II Chronicles 5:13*). It will be the theme in Christ's kingdom.

"Thus saith the LORD; Again there shall be heard in this place ... the voice of them that shall say, Praise the LORD of hosts: for the LORD is good; for his mercy endureth for ever" (*Jeremiah 33:11*).

God's mercy is founded on His Word ("be merciful unto me according to thy word," *Psalm 119:58*; *Romans 10:17*).

That 'God's mercy endureth for ever' is to be declared. *Psalm 118:2-4*.

Sincere Seeking & Searching ...

"... is an evidence of sincerity and a Scriptural command and condition to 'finding'. *Jeremiah 29:13*, 'And ye shall seek me, and find me, when ye shall search for me with all your heart.'

People may claim to be agnostics and sincerely seeking God, but they are saying it without really meaning it. When a person is sincere in their seeking it will be evident by the following ...

1. They will be asking serious questions;
2. They will want to get a Bible and start reading it;
3. They will seek out sincere Christians;
4. They will usually start visiting churches
5. They should pray that God will help them find the truth;
6. They will be open and receptive to things in the Bible that they did not know before; willing to learn.

"The living God who created the 'heaven and the earth', promises that a person who seeks Him will find Him!

THIS IS GOOD NEWS!

"It is the most significant promise that a person can have. To become at peace with the Creator! That is, finding God and knowing Him - is more important than a job, than a marriage, than good health, or a few more years of life, all of which will soon pass away."

- copied, Timothy R. Stout

"How God Reveals Himself Through Science."

DON'T ...

"Don't be afraid to be *different* if by 'different' it means better!"

"Don't let them make you feel guilty about making them feel guilty."

The Most Difficult Person ...

to deal with is the one who has the smug satisfaction of an experience to which he can refer back, but who is not working it out in practical life. If you say you are sanctified, show it. The experience must be so genuine that is shown in the life.

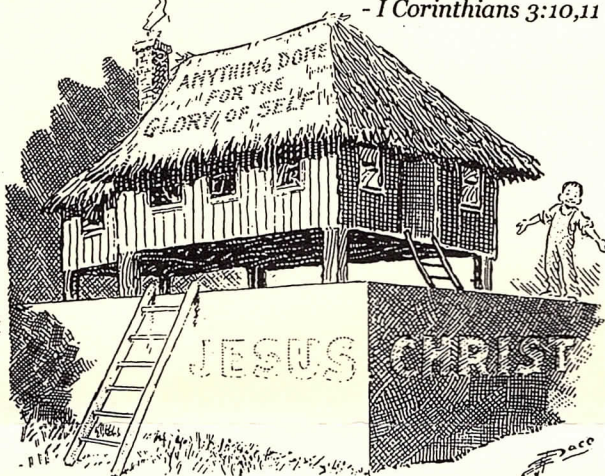
Beware of any belief that make you self-indulgent; it came from the pit, no matter how beautiful it sounds."

- copied, Oswald Chambers

Christian Builders

Other foundation can no man lay than that is laid, which is Jesus Christ. But let every man take heed how he buildeth thereupon."

- I Corinthians 3:10,11



"Now if any man build upon this foundation---wood, hay, stubble---it shall be revealed by fire; and the fire shall try every man's work of what sort it is." *I Cor. 3:12-13*

CHURCH CALENDAR

Sunday Services, 10:30, 11:00 am & 7:00 pm

Wednesdays - Prayer & Bible Studies

Friday Night Church - 1st and 3rd Fridays of each month - 7:00 pm

QUOTES

(Quotes are true & helpful & some are profound, clever, humorous, cynical, & some even scary!)

"Never build your happiness on someone else's unhappiness."

"REPENT means to do an about face."

"Sin is blind to it's true friends."

"It makes it especially difficult to reject Christ when Christians are so nice to you."

"If you can't trust a man with money you can't trust the man."

"People become victims of what they want."

"Some people never learn to relax; others never learn anything else."

"There is no such thing as exaggerating the evil of sin."

"Why is there everything, and not nothing?"

"The Bible is both History and Prophecy."

"God never does anything for no reason."

"Eternal souls are saved or lost in the struggle over truth or heresy."

"Delight thyself also in the LORD" (*Psalm 37:4*)

"The life of the believer is here described as a delight in God, and we are thus certified of the great fact that true faith overflows with happiness and joy.

Ungodly persons and mere professors never look on faith as a joyful thing; to them it is service, duty, or necessity, but never pleasure or delight. If they attend ... at all, it is either that they may gain thereby, or else because they dare not do otherwise. The thought of 'religion' is so strange to most men that no two words in their language stand further apart than holiness and delight ...

Our faith is no fetter; our profession is no bondage.

We are neither dragged to holiness nor driven to duty.

No, our piety is our pleasure, our hope is our happiness, and our duty is our delight!"

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SALVATION is all about a relationship with Jesus Christ

"He that hath the Son hath life; and he that hath not the Son of God hath not life." *I John 5:12*

"People who are seeking God, should be seeking Jesus Christ!"

Tenants

"This world belongs to Jesus Christ, and everyone is living here on His property as tenants."

Saved and know it

"To be Saved and know it is good, but it is also good to be unsaved and know it."

Skeptics and Infidels

"It is not surprising that the worldly, so-called 'great' philosophers, are skeptics and infidels."

"For the Scripture saith, Whosoever believeth on him shall not be ashamed." - *Romans 10:11*

The "Conditions" of Forgiveness

"We see then that God does not forgive sinners indiscriminately without conditions being met. In the same manner, these same conditions are necessary for the child of God to be forgiven on an ongoing basis. This is understood by the conditional "If".

For Old Testament saints,

"If my people, which are called by my name, shall humble themselves, and pray, and seek my face, and turn from their wicked ways; then will I hear from heaven, and will forgive their sin, and will heal their land." - II Chronicles 7:14

For the New Testament saints,

"If we confess our sins, he is faithful and just to forgive us our sins, and to cleanse us from all unrighteousness." - I John 1:9

In the same manner, forgiveness by man to man is conditional. Many people emphasize the teaching of Jesus regarding the unlimited, unconditional nature of the forgiveness expected of the offended brother in Matthew 18:21-22 and Luke 17:3,4; but fail to note that repentance is required of the offender. The conditional aspects of forgiveness are made clear in ... Matthew 6:14-15, Mark 11:25-26 and Luke 6:37.

For God to forgive us, we must meet the conditions. We must remember that fellowship is dependent upon forgiveness, and forgiveness is a conditional act based on (the) acknowledgement and repentance of the sin that destroyed the fellowship. For us, (being) the offending party, to be forgiven ... (including repentance) we must ask! This is the same also for forgiveness to be granted from person to person. For too long, many Christians, offended by sin and

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From HERE & THERE

Hypocrites

"Jesus called the Pharisees 'hypocrites' seven times."

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The Bible is ...

"... the most quoted Book in the world."

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Good Hermeneutics

"If one passage is unclear, let the other parts of Scripture clarify it." - copied

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930 Years

"Adam lived for 930 years, so he was alive during the lifetimes of all the men mentioned in Genesis 5. except for Noah. Noah was born about 150 years after Adam died."

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"Transition"

"One in every three who 'transition', commit suicide." - heard on radio

sinner, have been made to carry guilt because they have not forgiven someone.

(Scripturally a person should not forgive someone until there has been repentance on the part of the wrong-doer.)

- Pastor Jim Drews, "I Survived a Church Split"

(words in parentheses are added for explanation)

"The proud have had me greatly in derision; yet have I not declined from thy law." Psalm 119:51

'Jeered' - David's Reaction, Our Example

"David here tells us ... That he had been *jeered* for his religion. Though he was a man of honour, a man of great prudence, and had done eminent services to his country, yet, because he was a devout conscientious man, *the proud had him greatly in derision*; they ridiculed him, bantered him, and did all they could to expose him to contempt; they laughed at him for his praying,

That yet he had *not* been *jeered* out of his religion:

"They have done all they could to make me quit it for shame, but *none of these things move me*: I have *not declined from thy law* ... He *not* only had *not* quite forsaken the law, but had *not* so much as declined from it.

We must never shrink from any duty, nor let slip an opportunity of doing good, for fear of the reproach of men, or their revilings.

The traveler goes on his way though the dogs bark at him. Those can bear but little for Christ that cannot bear a hard word for him." - copied

Old Testament 'Gentile' Believers

"We know of *Gentiles* who had faith in the living God before the time of Christ, and these are only the ones mentioned in Scripture, doubtless representative of many others, probably a great many others.

They include Job, Bildad, Zophar, Elipaz, and Elihu of Uz (*the book of Job*), Rahab (*Joshua 2*), Ruth (*Ruth 1*), the queen of Sheba (*I Kings 10:9*; *Matthew 12:42*), the widow of Zarephath (*I Kings 17:8-16*), Naaman (*II Kings 5:15*), Hiram king of Tyre (*II Chronicles 2:12*), Ahimelech the Hittite (*I Samuel 26:6*), Uriah the Hittite

(*II Samuel 23:29*), Nebuchadnezzar king of Babylon (*Daniel 4*), Darius king of Persia (*Daniel 6*), and the Ninevites who repented at Jonah's preaching (*Jonah 3:5*)." - Way of Life Literature, 9/10/25

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Doubts "1. Be never afraid of doubt.

2. Be afraid of all sophistries (*sophistry* = 'subtle; unsound or misleading but clever') and tricks and strifes of disingenuous (*disingenuous* = 'insincere; not candid or straightforward') argument.
3. Have it as a fixed principle that getting into any scornful way is fatal.
4. Never settle upon anything as true because it is safer to hold it than not.
5. Have it as a law *never* to put force on the mind, or try to make it believe, because it spoils the mind's integrity; and when that is gone, what power of advance in the truth is left?
6. Never be in a hurry to believe, never try to conquer doubts against time." — copied,
Condensed from Bushnell

"To say that any part of the Bible is undependable is to deny its own claim about itself."

- James Brookes,
'Is the Bible Inspired?'

