

Mercies of God,

In Psalm 51 vs. 1, the Psalmist cried out to God to have mercy upon him according to your unfailing love, according to your great compassion, blot out my transgressions” also in Romans 9 vs. 15, for he says to Moses, I will have mercy on whom I have mercy and I will have compassion on whom I have compassion and lastly in Matthew 5 vs. 7, the Bible says blessed are the merciful for they will be shown mercy.

What then is this mercy: The scholars defined mercy as compassionate or forgiveness shown towards someone whom it is within one’s power to punish or harm, this definition is right, turn with me to the books **Luke 23 vs. 39- 43**, the thief begged Jesus for mercy (begged Jesus to pardon him of his sins and Jesus felt for me and said today you shall be with me in paradise) another definition of mercy is an event to be grateful for, because its occurrence prevents something unpleasant or provides relief from suffering this statement is true as well in **John 2 vs. 1- 11**, Jesus was in Cana in Galilee, where there was a wedding, unfortunately they ran out of wine, then something happened, Jesus had to turn water into wine so that the wedding would not spoil, what he did was to prevent the unpleasant from happening.

In **John 3 vs. 16**, the Bible says for God so loved the world that he gave his only begotten son that whosoever believes in Him will not perish but have eternal life. In this definition mercy could be seen as to love. Before mercy is given love / compassion comes first. All those who cried out to Jesus for mercy in the Bible firstly receives unconditional love / compassion from Jesus then mercy show cased.

Benefits of Mercy

Mercy enables one to be pitied, favoured, set free etc even though you did not deserve it but because he loved you he over looked all your short comings and release you without be charged.

Mercy would enable you to be picked out of the multitude and made to seat with princes and kings (Joseph in the land of Egypt)

Mercy enables one to be cured of long term sickness John 5 vs. 1- 16, the healing of the man at the pool Bethesda

Mercy would enable you to regain your spiritual sight Mark 10 vs. 46- 52, Blind Bartimaeus regained his sight through mercy

Grace enables us to receive forgiveness 1 John 2 vs. 1- 2

Ways of receiving mercy:

There are two ways of receiving mercy,

Firstly, is God showing mercy unto whom he has chosen, this kind of mercy comes irrespective of your colour, race or background. David recognised this mercy in Psalm 118 vs. 1, give thanks to the Lord for he is good and his mercies endureth for ever

According to the 2 scriptures we could see that compassion is common.