

Ministry: Mountain of Fire and Miracles Ministries
Sermon: The Mercy of God
Bible passages: Luke 15 vs. 11- 32
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Songs: The steadfast love of the Lord never ceased,
Hymn: there shall be showers of blessings

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Prayers

- My Father have mercy upon me in Jesus name
- Mercy of the living God locate me today in Jesus name

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.

Types mercy:

There are two types mercy,

Firstly, is the universal mercy shown unto all mankind by God through Jesus Christ, 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 endures for ever, the universal mercy endures forever meaning it is forever (because it came through Jesus Christ and whoever believes In Him will not perish but have everlasting life), if you are in Christ Jesus old things are passed away all things are become new (this mercy usher us into a new life and relationship and eternity)

The second type of mercy is by asking for it, this type of Mercy enables you to regain your spiritual sight and recover all that was lost. Mark 10 vs. 46- 52, Blind Bartimaeus regained his sight through mercy

PRAYER

Have mercy upon me oh God

Benefits of Mercy

Mercy enables one to be pitied, favoured above others, 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 been 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)

Where there is mercy there is forgiveness (1 John 2 vs. 1-2), hope is restored, there is new life, there is celebration, there is relieve from pains, debts are written off, diseases healed (John 5 vs. 1- 16, the healing of the man at the pool Bethesda), broken homes are restored, lost glories restored, friendship restored, where there is mercy the unexpected happens (this is called miracles), where there is mercy sorrow disappears and laughter appears, where there is mercy ,where you have been rejected before who will be accepted, where there is mercy, there is freedom, there is liberty

PRAYERS

Have mercy upon me oh God

This is a message of hope to those with hopeless situations. Are you here today and all seems to be falling apart in your life, or things have stopped working for you, are you hear and everything you have laboured for have perished, are you hear and the enemies has made your life to a battle ground, are you hear and your eagle has become a chicken, or are you hear today and your giver has become a beggar, worry no more for Jesus the sacrificial lamp for the mercy of God is hear and he shall speak on your behalf to God and showers of mercies shall begin to fall upon you in Jesus name

PRAYERS

- . Oh God of mercy arise and have mercy upon me in Jesus name
- . My father show me mercy before the authorities of this land in Jesus name
- . My father make me candidate of mercy in Jesus name