

Topic: The Mercy Of GOD

What should be your response to God's mercy?

-To obey Him, to serve Him, to do his will and bless Him.

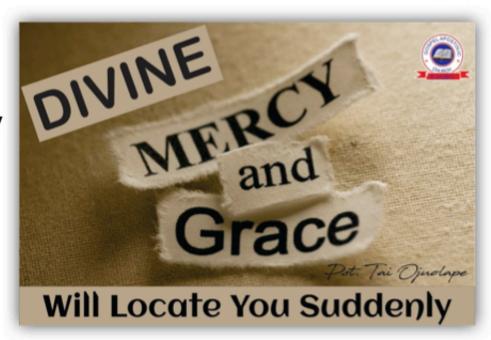
What is Mercy?

 Mercy is a "Love that responds to human needs in an unexpected or unmerited way".
 Mercy is forgiveness.



The Greek word for mercy is Eleos.

- Eleos is the personification of pity, in other words the embodiment of pity, mercy, clemency, and compassion.
- Psalm 85:10 "Mercy and truth have met together; righteousness and peace have kissed".
- Psalm 136 declares that his mercy endures forever.
- Proverbs 3:3-4 says, "Let not mercy and truth forsake you. Bind them around your neck, write them on the table of your heart and so find, favor and high esteem in the sight of the Lord and man".



We are going to consider three biblical facts in this topic

1. The benefits that we must not forget;

2. His mercy and grace; and

3. His throne in the heavens.



1. What are the benefits that we must not forget?

Verse 1-3 "Bless the Lord, o my soul, and forget not all his benefits".

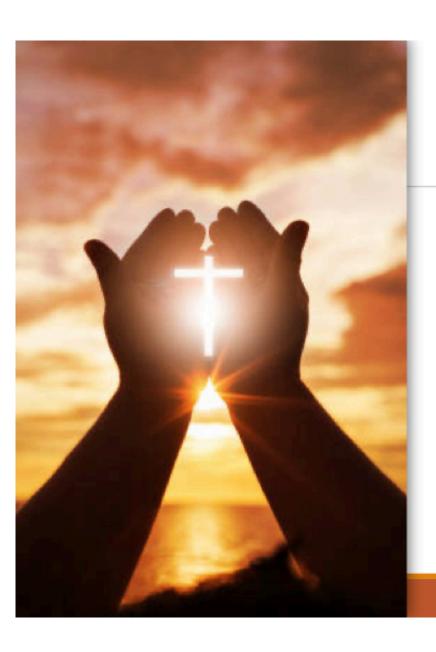
The most important of the many benefits that God has bestowed on humanity is.

- Making eternal life possible for us through faith in Christ
- God provides humankind with life and every good thing (both tangible and intangible).
- Including their senses and health
- Beauty and resources of God's creation include family
- Forgiveness (pardon) of iniquity,
- Healing of diseases
- Redemption
- Possessions (earthly and heavenly)
- Food and drink

- Employment
- He crowns us with steadfast love and mercy, and He renews our strength.

The greatest benefit is God's enduring love and mercy to the descendants of the faithful.





Psalm 103 helps us to understand the person of God. His name, Who He is, His Person, His attribute, His Character.

His invisible attribute, His eternal power and divine nature.

- Psalm 111:4 states, "He has made His wonderful works to be remembered; The Lord is gracious and full of compassion"
- Psalm 119:64 says, "The earth, O Lord, is full of your Mercies"
- Psalm 145:8 says, "The Lord is gracious and full of compassion, slow to anger and great in Mercy".
- Ephesians 2:4-5, "But God, who is rich in mercy because of his great love with which he loves us, even when we are dead in trespasses, made us alive together with Christ.

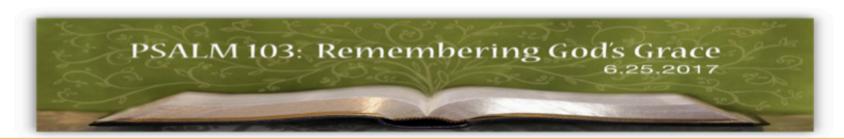
Isaiah 1:23,24-28

Verse 23: Your princes are rebels and companions of thieves. Everyone loves a bribe and runs after gifts. They do not bring justice to the fatherless, and the widow's cause does not come to them.

Verse 24-28: Therefore the Lord declares, the LORD of hosts, the Mighty One of Israel: "Ah, I will get relief from my enemies and avenge myself on my foes. I will turn my hand against you and will smelt away your dross as with Iye and remove all your alloy. And I will restore your judges as at the first, and your counselors as at the beginning. Afterward you shall be called the city of righteousness, the faithful city." Zion shall be redeemed by justice, and those in her who repent, by righteousness. But rebels and sinners shall be broken together, and those who forsake the LORD shall be consumed

2. His mercy and grace

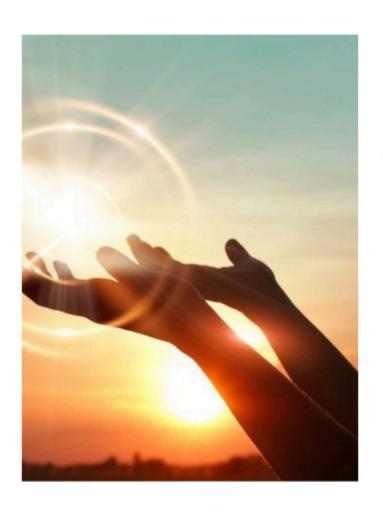
- In Verse 6-16 We shift from the list of benefits to a survey of how God has shown mercy to His people as a whole.
- Merciful God executes righteousness and justice on behalf of ALL who are oppressed.
- See evidence in Exodus through the liberating of the Israelites from the bondage and captivity of the Egyptians.
- Psalm 103 let's look at verse 7, "He made ways to Moses", Moses request to God.
- In Exodus 33:13-16, "Now therefore, if I have found favor in your sight, please show me now your ways, that I may know you in order to find favor in your sight. Consider too that this nation is your people." And he said, "My presence will go with you, and I will give you rest." And he said to him, "If your presence will not go with me, do not bring us up from here. For how shall it be known that I have found favor in your sight, I and your people? Is it not in your going with us, so that we are distinct, I and your people, from every other people on the face of the earth?"



A. Our compassionate God answers prayer

- The lord shows compassion to those who fear Him
- The key word here is "To those who fear Him".
- All those who have accepted our Lord Jesus Christ as their Lord and Savior.
- Those who believe that He died, Berried, and resurrected in 3rd day, ascended into heaven and seated at the right hand of God.
- Exodus 34:10 begins the renewal of the covenant God made with the Israelites which we know was fulfilled through Jesus Christ.
- Moses encountered with God in Mount Saini proclaims his covenant name, renewing the covenant with Moses and Israel, describes the Lords gracious character in preserving Israel for the sake of Gods overall purpose.





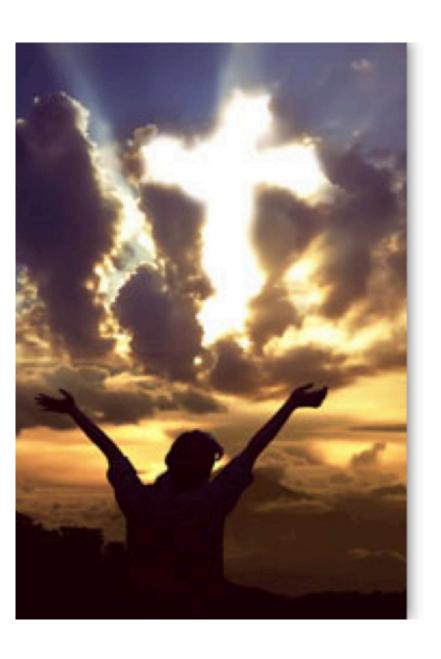
B. God will not keep his anger forever; salvation is available to all.

- His mercy is new to us each day and great is His faithfulness in keeping His words.
- In the verse psalm 103:11-13 there are three comparisons for the kindness of God towards His people.
- A. To show its abundance (in verse 11)
- B. His decisiveness (in verse 12)
- C. His enduring quality (verse 13)
- God is a father to his people, He knows our frame, He remembers that we are dust. As for man, his days are like grass. He flourishes like a flower of the field; for the wind passes over it, and it is gone.

3. His throne in the heavens.

- The steadfast love of the Lord is from everlasting to everlasting on those who fear him.
- God ruled over all things He created.
- Salvation is entirely Gods work, faith is Gods gracious gift to his elect.
- -The idea of God as universal King is rooted in the creation account.
- The marvel of being God's people is that the one who's Kingdom rules over all, offers the privilege of gracefully embracing His rule.
- The overflow of goodness and steadfast love that Gods works reveals compels his people to call on the angels and all of nature to join their celebration.





In conclusion: Jesus is the face of Mercy

- In Mathew 9:13, Jesus tells his disciples to understand the meaning of the phrase, "I desire Mercy, not sacrifice, for I come not to call the righteous, but sinners".
- Jesus shows us what it means to be merciful.
- As a physician he healed the sick.
- As a redeemer He redeemed my life from destruction, welcomed the stranger and pardoned those her persecuted him and killed him.
- As benefactor he satisfied my mouth with bread and butter.
- -We are called to work in his footsteps to show Mercy to not just the believers but to nonbelievers alike.

Jesus told his disciples in Matthew 28:18-20, "Then Jesus came to them and said, 'All authority in heaven and on earth has been given to me. Therefore make disciplines of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, and teaching them to obey everything I have commanded you. And surely, I am with you always, to the very end of the age."

- To make disciples: Share the gospel, transform life, and serve.
- Matthew 22:37-40, "... You shall love the lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your mind. This is the great and first commandment. And a second is like it: You shall love your neighbor as yourself. On these two commandments depend all the Law and the Prophets."
- We need to walk in a manner worthy of the calling to which we have been called.
- We are the hands and feet of Jesus, the body of Christ and just as Jesus Christ is the face of Gods mercy let us follow in his footsteps and be the face of Gods Mercy and grace in this dying world.
- -Let our response to God's mercy be to obey Him, to serve Him, to do his will and to bless Him.

