

## **THE MERCY OF GOD**

### **Hebrews 4:16**

**Mercy** – (Compassionate, tender, not cruel, a readiness to forgive, unwilling to punish, an attitude of pity toward the offender). The mercy of God is not what we think of mercy, it involves many attributes.

## **THE PERSON OF GOD**

**Proverbs 3:3-4** These verses tell us not to forsake, abandon, or desert God's mercy and truth. God's favor and our understanding depend on these two virtues. Truth with mercy is cold and hard. Mercy without truth is only sentimental and wishy washy. God's truth needs God's mercy in order to work.

**Psalm 103:8** The Lord not only shows us mercy every day but does many wonderful acts of mercy on both believers and unbelievers alike. He not only is merciful, God is mercy.

**Psalm 111:4** The Lord is “full of compassion” because compassion is an integral part of His mercy.

**Psalm 145:8; Ephesians 2:4** The Lord is full of compassion and is great and rich in mercy. God's essential nature and character is mercy. Mercy holds back what we all deserve.

## **THE PROVISION OF GOD**

**Psalm 103:2** This verse tells us not to forget all the Lord's benefits. The following verses remind us that because of His mercy He forgives us, He redeemed (saved) us and crowned us with His loving kindness and tender mercies, and He brings us satisfaction and joy.

**Matthew 6:31-33** God through His mercy promises to meet our every day needs of food, shelter and clothing when we put Him first.

**Hebrews 13:5** God has promised that we will never be left alone without Him. He will provide.

## **THE PATIENCE OF GOD**

**Psalm 103:8-9** Because of His mercy God is very patient (long suffering) with us. God is never angry at people, He is angry with what we do wrong (sin). Notice that God is “plenteous in mercy.” That means there is more mercy available than we need!

**1 Peter 3:20** The days of Noah were horrible, sinful and ugly days. God said that everyone was corrupt and wicked except Noah and his family. God would destroy the whole world and start over with Noah yet the “long suffering” (patience of God) gave the people another 120 years to repent!

## **THE PUNISHMENT OF GOD**

**Psalm 103:10, 13-14** Because of the wonderful mercy of God He knows what we are and He pities us with love and compassion. He shows mercy and does not punish us according to our terrible sins.

**Hebrews 12:5-6** God loves His children and will not let us get too far from Him in sin. Because of His mercy we can expect His loving hand to get our attention no matter what it takes, easy or hard.

## **THE FORGIVENESS OF GOD**

**Psalm 103:11-12** Herein the greatness of His mercy is highlighted by the forgiveness of all our sins.

**Colossians 2:13-14** The great mercy and love that God has for us is told within these two verses. God sacrificed His own Son on the cross for the price of mankind's sin. Jesus took every possible thing that could be used against you and me in the court of God's judgment hall and “nailed it to His cross.”