

God's Mercy

A Reason to be Thankful

Webster's Definition of Mercy

- 1:** compassion or forbearance shown especially to an offender or to one subject to one's power
- 2:** a blessing that is an act of divine favor or compassion
- 3:** compassionate treatment of those in distress

What is Mercy – A Theologians Description

"God's mercy is his tenderhearted, loving compassion for his people. It is his tenderness of heart toward the needy. If grace contemplates humans as sinful, guilty, and condemned, mercy sees them as miserable and needy." – Millard Erickson²

"This is the first work of God—that He is merciful to all who are ready to do without their own opinion, right, wisdom, and all spiritual goods, and willing to be poor in spirit." – Martin Luther³

"God is pleased to show mercy to his enemies, according to his own sovereign pleasure. Though he is infinitely above all, and stands in no need of creatures; yet he is graciously pleased to take a merciful notice of poor worms in the dust." – Jonathan Edwards⁴

Scripture on God's Mercy

James 2:13 ESV / For judgment is without mercy to one who has shown no mercy. Mercy triumphs over judgment.

Luke 6:36 ESV / Be merciful, even as your Father is merciful.

Matthew 5:7 ESV / “Blessed are the merciful, for they shall receive mercy.

Matthew 9:13 ESV / Go and learn what this means, ‘I desire mercy, and not sacrifice.’ For I came not to call the righteous, but sinners.”

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Hebrews 4:16 ESV / Let us then with confidence draw near to the throne of grace, that we may receive mercy and find grace to help in time of need.

1 Peter 1:3 ESV / Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ! According to his great mercy, he has caused us to be born again to a living hope through the resurrection of Jesus Christ from the dead,

Micah 6:8 ESV / He has told you, O man, what is good; and what does the Lord require of you but to do justice, and to love kindness, and to walk humbly with your God?