

"GOD'S GREAT MERCY"

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*"Now, our God, hear the prayers and petitions of your servant. For your sake, Lord, look with favor on your desolate sanctuary. Give ear, our God, and hear; open your eyes and see the desolation of the city that bears your Name. We do not make requests of you because we are righteous, but because of your great mercy. Lord, listen! Lord, forgive! Lord, hear and act! For your sake, my God, do not delay, because your city and your people bear your Name." **Isaiah 9:17-19***

Isaiah is showing us today that God is a God of Great Mercy! If it was not for His mercy and His forgiveness of



our sins, we would be thrown to hell to burn forever! **"If you, Lord, kept a record of sins, Lord, who could stand? But with you there is forgiveness, so that we can, with reverence, serve you."** Ps. 130:3-4

John 3:16 gives the main reason Jesus came to this wicked world as Perfect Man to die for sinners like you and me.

Hebrews 2:17 says, "For this reason HE had to be made like them, fully human in every way, **in order that HE might become a merciful and faithful high priest in service to God,** and that HE might make atonement for the sins of the people."

ACKNOWLEDGE YOUR SINS BEFORE A HOLY GOD

Isaiah 9:4-5 says, "I prayed to the Lord my God and confessed: "Lord, the great and awesome God, who keeps

his covenant of love with those who love him and keep his commandments, **we have sinned and done wrong. We have been wicked and have rebelled; we have turned away from your commands and laws.**"

The Bible says that God will not prosper the Christian who hides his sin.

Proverbs 28:13 says, "Whoever conceals their sins does not prosper, but the one who confesses and renounces them finds mercy."

The mercy of God can only be given to the person who repents of his sins and walks away from his sins to walk with God in righteousness. The word mercy means compassion or forgiveness shown toward someone whom it is within one's power to punish or harm. The Bible is full on God's mercy shown upon sinners, backsliders, and Christians.

The Prodigal Son

- Backslider (Luke 15:11-32)
- **Mercy of a father.**

The Good Samaritan

- Sinner (Luke 10:25-37)
- **Mercy for a stranger.**

The Judge and the Widow

- Christian (Luke 18:1-8)
- **Never give up praying for Mercy.**

God is a God of Great mercy if you acknowledge your sin, confess and repent from them.

"...but the one who confesses and renounces them finds mercy" (Prov. 28:13b).

The woman who was caught in the very act of adultery was shown mercy by our Lord Jesus. The Pharisees wanted to trapped Jesus to accused Him of wrongdoing.

“The teachers of the law and the Pharisees brought **in a woman caught in adultery**. They made her stand before the group and said to Jesus, ‘Teacher, **this woman was caught in the act of adultery**.



In the Law Moses commanded us to stone such women. Now what do you say?’ They were using this question as a trap, in order to have a basis for accusing him. But **Jesus bent**

down and started to write on the ground with his finger. When they kept on questioning him, he straightened up and said to them, ‘Let any one of you who is without sin be the first to throw a stone at her.’ **Again, he stooped down and wrote on the ground**. At this, those who heard began to go away one at a time, the older ones first, until only Jesus was left, with the woman still standing there. Jesus straightened up and asked her, ‘Woman, where are they? Has no one condemned you?’ ‘No one, sir,’ she said. **Then neither do I condemn you,**’ Jesus declared. ‘Go now and leave your life of sin’” (John 8:3-11-Mercy Seat).

This woman was guilty of the sin of adultery, but she repented of her sin and Jesus was merciful to her and forgave her.

Jesus said, “Woman, where are they? Has no one condemned you?” “No one, sir,” she said. “Then neither do I condemn you,” Jesus declared. “Go now and leave your life of sin.”

She was guilty and deserved death, but Jesus had mercy on her and forgave her.

Isaiah said these powerful words to God thousands of years ago: ***We do not make requests of you because we are righteous, but because of your great mercy.***

If you have sinned against a Holy God, repent of your sins and the God of Great mercy will forgive you and cleanse you and you will be white as snow.

Isaiah 1:18 says, “Come now, let us settle the matter,” says the Lord. “Though your sins are like scarlet, **they shall be**

as white as snow; though they are red as crimson, they shall be like wool.”

Psalms 51:7 says, “Cleanse me with hyssop, and I will be clean; wash me, and I will be whiter than snow.”

But after you received the forgiveness of your sins from Jesus, **“Go now and leave your life of sin.”**

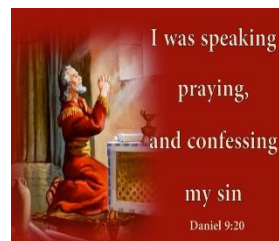
CONFESS TO GOD ALL YOUR SINS

Daniel 9:8 says, “We and our kings, our princes and our ancestors are covered with shame, Lord, because we have sinned against you. The Lord our God is merciful and forgiving, even though we have rebelled against him; we have not obeyed the Lord our God or kept the laws he gave us through his servants the prophets. All Israel has transgressed your law and turned away, refusing to obey you.”

Isaiah is confessing all his sins and the sins of Israel to God! God knows all things and all you have done. You cannot hide anything from Him.

Hebrews 4:13 says, “Nothing in all creation is hidden from God’s sight. Everything is uncovered and laid bare before the eyes of him to whom we must give account.”

We confess our sins to God in private and not to man because some Christians are gossipers. You can go to your



Pastor and share with him your failures but be sure you go to the Pastor you trust and confide that he will not tell the whole world your downfall. It’s no one business and it should be kept confidential between Pastor and sheep. God will

show His Great Mercy to a Christian, sinner or backslider if he confesses and repents. When a Christian sins, it creates a barrier between God and himself and it **BREAKS** our fellowship with Him.

Isaiah 59:2 says, “But your iniquities have separated you from your God; your sins have hidden his face from you, so that he will not hear.”

Therefore, we need to confess our sins. When we confess our sins, we are forgiven, our sins are washed away, and our fellowship with God is restored. If we ignore or try to cover up our sins God's blessings will be lifted.

Proverbs 28:13 says, "Whoever conceals their sins does not prosper, but the one who confesses and renounces them finds mercy."

A wicked king named Manasseh confessed his sins to God and he was forgiven and restored once again. (2Chron. 33:1-20)

"In his distress he sought the favor of the Lord his God and humbled himself greatly before the God of his ancestors. And when he prayed to him, the Lord was moved by his entreaty and listened to his plea; so, he brought him back to Jerusalem and to his kingdom. Then Manasseh knew that the Lord is God."
2Chronicles 33:12-13

COME WITH CONFIDENCE TO GOD'S THRONE

We enter the Most holy place by the precious blood of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ!

Hebrews 10:19 says, "Therefore, brothers and sisters, since we have confidence to enter the Most Holy Place by the blood of Jesus,"

The blood of Jesus cleanses us from all sin and allows us to enter His presence.

Hebrews 10:22 says, "let us draw near to God with a sincere heart and with the full assurance that faith brings, having our hearts sprinkled to cleanse us from a guilty conscience and having our bodies washed with pure water."

Come to the throne room of God with confidence that you are in right standing with God. Don't come unworthy or



condemn believing the lies of the devil that God did not forgive you of your sin or sins. The devil condemns Christians after they fall to his temptations, but the Holy Spirit brings conviction so that you will not sin. If the Christian does commit sin the Holy Spirit goes after him

with conviction so that the Believer might come to his senses and come to repentance. (The Prodigal son, King David) When the Christian confesses his sin and repents, God's mercy will be extended to him and he will be forgiven and cleanse from all his sins.

1 John 1:9 says, "If we confess our sins, he is faithful and just and will forgive us our sins and purify us from all unrighteousness."

God will throw all your sins to the depths of the sea! Micah 7:19 says, "You will again have compassion on us; you will tread our sins underfoot and hurl all our iniquities into the depths of the sea."

The blood of Jesus cleanses you of all your sins and we can enter the Most Holy Place to spent time with a Holy God.

Micah 7:18 says, "Who is a God like you, who pardons sin and forgives the transgression of the remnant of his inheritance? You do not stay angry forever but delight to show mercy."

HOW DO WE RECEIVE GOD'S MERCY?

- Acknowledge your sins before a Holy God!
- Confess to God all your sins!
- Come with confidence to God's Throne Room

Allow God to restore you as you consistently spent time with Him in your prayer closet.

Stay connected with God as you walk with Him daily, one day at a time.

Start reading your Bible again and attending church and Bible Studies.