



MESSAGE NOTES

Biblical Words: Mercy

Psalm 103

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1. God's mercy

Psalm 103:8-11 The Lord is compassionate and gracious, slow to anger, abounding in love. He will not always accuse, nor will he harbor his anger forever; he does not treat us as our sins deserve or repay us according to our iniquities. For as high as the heavens are above the earth, so great is his love for those who fear him.

Nobody is perfect, we're all sinners. But God does not treat us as our sins deserve. God's mercy towards us is when He chooses to love and forgive us despite our sin.

2. Being merciful

Luke 6:36-37 Be merciful, just as your Father is merciful. Do not judge, and you will not be judged. Do not condemn, and you will not be condemned. Forgive, and you will be forgiven.

When we realize the depth of God's mercy towards us, we can then show this same kind of mercy to the people around us. God's not holding all the wrong things we've ever done against us so we shouldn't be doing that to other people.

3. Jesus' compassion

Matthew 9:36 But when He saw the multitudes, He was moved with compassion for them, because they were weary and scattered, like sheep having no shepherd.

Compassion means to be deeply moved to help someone. It's an active word, it goes beyond feelings and emotions. Jesus out of His deep compassion for us died on the cross for us. Jesus sacrificed Himself to help us. This is true compassion.