

FirstFruits Gathering At Harvest Christian Church

Mercy
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This is a time to consider the mercy of God. To encounter His mercy and experience His mercy that is new every morning. God wants us to see, to behold, His mercy to perceive with our eyes and discern His mercy. Holy Spirit is directing us to look at God's mercy. In the midst of the coronavirus pandemic, President Trump sent hospital ships along both coastlines of our nation – one was named "Comfort" and the other "Mercy". God had our country surrounded by comfort and mercy. This is a prophetic picture of God's heart toward us and toward our nation.

Mercy is the flow of God's love, the demonstration of His loving-kindness. God is saying mercy, not judgment to us and the nation. It is time to surrender to the mercy of God. In God's mercy there is a place to consider our ways and judge ourselves. Aligning with truth and coming back to our first love, coming back to what is righteous. Mercy is not pity. Mercy is birthed in compassion and is demonstrated in love. There is a fire of mercy that consumes what is not of mercy. Mercy is visible and tangible. Mercy ministers – it touches your heart in the most vulnerable of places. The mercy seat of God has been cleansed by the blood of the Lamb.

The Book of Hebrews tells us that we can come boldly to the throne of grace to receive mercy in our time of need. The footnote on the Passion Translation says, urgent help that reinforces as a ship in a storm. David says, where does my help come from? My help comes from the Lord. Mercy comes from God. He is merciful – full of mercy. God wants us to receive His mercy and to extend His mercy. Self-sufficiency and pride can block the flow of God's mercy. We receive God's mercy when we surrender all to Him. When resistance to God is removed, when we yield our hearts to Him mercy comes flooding in.

Jesus is the personification of God's mercy. Mercy has gone before us and prepared the way. Mercy has a name – Jesus! We can follow and walk in the ways of mercy.

Hebrews 6.19-20 TPT

¹⁹We have this certain hope like a strong, unbreakable anchor holding our souls to God himself. **Our anchor of hope is fastened to the mercy seat which sits in the heavenly realm** beyond the sacred threshold, ²⁰and where Jesus, our forerunner, has gone in before us. He is now and forever our royal Priest like Melchizedek.

Jude 1.21-24 TPT

²¹Fasten your hearts to the love of God and **receive the mercy of our Lord Jesus Christ**, who gives us eternal life.

²²Keep being compassionate to those who still have doubts, ²³and snatch others out of the fire to save them. **Be merciful over and over** to them, but always **couple your mercy with the fear of God**. Be extremely careful to keep yourselves free from the pollutions of the flesh.

²⁴Now, to the one with enough power to prevent you from stumbling *into sin* and bring you faultless before his glorious presence to stand before him with ecstatic delight

- The mercy of God is the key.
- Stop and consider who God is. When you do this, the awe and wonder of God will be displayed to you in all of its splendor. You will SEE the mercy of God.

James 2.13 NASB

¹³**For judgment will be merciless to one who has shown no mercy; mercy triumphs over judgment.**

James 3.17 NASB

¹⁷ But the **wisdom from above** is first pure, then peaceable, gentle, reasonable, **full of mercy** and good fruits, unwavering, without hypocrisy.

- It is wise to be filled with mercy.
- The unrighteous steward Jesus talked about in one of his parables showed no mercy after mercy was extended to him.

Isaiah 55.7-9 TPT

⁷ **The wicked need to abandon their ways,** and sinful ones need to banish every evil thought.

Let them return to Yahweh,

and they will **experience his compassionate mercy.**

Yes, let them return to God,

for he will lavish forgiveness upon them.

⁸ **“For my thoughts *about mercy* are not like your thoughts, and my ways are different from yours.**

⁹ As high as the heavens are above the earth,

so my ways and my thoughts are higher than yours.

- God says that His thoughts about mercy are not like mans thoughts on mercy.
- With man, mercy runs out as he becomes offended or frustrated.
- God’s mercy is full and abundant – it is higher than the heavens.

2 Peter 2.10 TPT

¹⁰ For at one time you were not God’s people, but now you are. **At one time you knew nothing of God’s mercy, because you hadn’t received it yet, but now you are drenched with it!**

As God has assembled us in the upper room waiting for the move of Holy Spirit, He is saying encounter My mercy in a fresh new way. In the fire of My mercy is the power of transformation. You are being forged in the fire of My mercy and compassion. This is the hour of God’s power like never before. The nucleus of God’s power is His love and mercy. Taste My mercy – it is sweet like honey on your lips. My mercy will lift up what hangs low and is lifeless – and new life will start to flow. In My mercy I will release the blueprints of the future. In My mercy I will fill your mouths with My words to speak to the this city and to this nation.

To Detroit and to Michigan we say receive the mercy of God. To households and to businesses receive the mercy of the Lord. We extend the mercy of God to our land. In mercy is deliverance from death. In mercy is the fresh breath of God. Can these dry bones live? Sovereign Lord only You know. Then He said to me, “Prophecy” to these dry bones and say to them, “Dry bones hear the word of the Lord!” We prophesy to the dried up church. We prophesy to dead businesses. We prophesy to families. We prophesy to our elected leaders in the land. This is what the Lord says, “I will make breath enter you and you will come back to life. I will attach tendons to you and make flesh cover you with skin. I will put breath in you and you will come to life. Then you will know that I am the Lord”.

I prophesied as I was commanded. And as I was prophesying there was a noise, a rattling sound, and the bones came together, bone to bone. I looked, and tendons and flesh appeared on them and skin covered them, but there was no breath in them. There was no life. In the mercy of God life flows. Then He said to me, “Prophecy to the breath.” This is what the sovereign Lord says, come from the four winds, O breath and breathe into these slain that they may live. No longer captured by death and destruction. No longer broken and discarded. No longer hopeless and in pain. So I prophesied as He commanded to uproot and tear down, to destroy and overthrow, to build and to plant. And breath entered them: they came to life and stood up on their feet. God says, I am going to open up your graves and bring you up from them. Then you will know that I the Lord have spoken and I have done it declares the Lord.