

His Mercy Endures Forever

How many times have you tried to do what is right, only to fail and crawl into a corner because you realize what you did was not pleasing to God. So you repent, but only to commit the same sin again! Angry at yourself and even the world, you crawl back into a corner again, saying to yourself, "I am not worthy". Your prayer life becomes weak or maybe you refuse to pray at any time because you feel like you're failing God, therefore your fellowship with God becomes weaker and because of your state of non-repentance, pride aggressively takes its place and your fellowship with Satan grows instead. You feel ashamed, disgusted, not worthy, a failure! Are you experiencing what is written in this particular paragraph? Do you know someone who is? My brothers and sisters, "His mercy endures forever."

Do not try to do it yourself or your way! It is about His grace and mercy. We serve a merciful God! A God that cares (loves) about His children. My brothers and sisters, we will fail over and over again. The question is, are you practicing that thing you are failing? Has it become a habit? Or could it be you simply messed up, but not intentionally? We don't have to work to get into heaven, we work because heaven has gotten into us. The death of Jesus on the cross says it all! (SIGNED, SEALED and DELIVERED, He's ours!) To repent is to make a change, therefore one must be patient with him or herself as this transition takes place. Whether or not it is a true transformation, Christ said "let the sheep and the goats grow together and "I" will separate them."

Psalms 32 NLT – (1) Oh, what joy for those whose disobedience is forgiven, whose sin is put out of sight! (2) Yes, what joy for those whose record the LORD has cleared of guilt, whose lives are lived in complete honesty! (3) When I refused to confess my sin, my body wasted away, and I groaned all day long. (4) Day and night your hand of discipline was heavy on me. My strength evaporated like water in the summer heat. (*Interlude*) (5) Finally, I confessed all my sins to you and stopped trying to hide my guilt. I said to myself, "I will confess my rebellion to the LORD." And you forgave me! All my guilt is gone. (*Interlude*) (6))Therefore, let all the godly pray to you while there is still time, that they may not drown in the floodwaters of judgment. (7) For you are my hiding place; you protect me from trouble. You surround me with songs of victory. (*Interlude*) (8) The LORD says, "I will guide you along the best pathway for your life. I will advise you and watch over you. (9) Do not be like a senseless horse or mule that needs a bit and bridle to keep it under control." (10) Many sorrows come to the wicked, but unfailing love surrounds those who trust the LORD. (11) So rejoice in the LORD and be glad, all you who obey him! Shout for joy, all you whose hearts are pure!

In the book of **Psalms** you will notice the different emotions that David was experiencing in every chapter of his writings. In **chapter 32** he exposes how he feels when he suppressed the sins he committed. He also expounds on the mercy God has on His people. Why is it so easy, **1 Peter 3:7-9** NLT – (7) And by the same word, the present heavens and earth have been stored up for fire. They are being kept for the day of judgment, when ungodly people will be destroyed. (8) But you must not forget this one thing, dear friends: A day is like a thousand years to the Lord, and a thousand years is like a day. (9) The Lord isn't really being slow about his promise, as some people think. No, he is being patient for your sake. He does not want anyone to be destroyed, but wants everyone to repent.

One of my favorite songs is "Your Grace and Mercy." Neither one should be taken advantage of! The Apostle Paul says it like this "may it never be." Instead, let us truly be thankful.

SCRIPTURE READING

EPHESIANS 2:4

THOUGHT FOR THE WEEK

If you think it's hot here.....

