

How merciful is He?

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PSALM 111:4 NKJV – (4b) The LORD *is* gracious and full of compassion.

It is interesting how often when we relate to God, we are not really sure who He is. We think we know but let me tell you something: God *is* not part mercy. God *is* mercy. God is everything mercy could ever hope to be. He is that kind of a Lord to us and I sure am glad. I hope you are too. He is full of compassion.

The mercy of God involves the following seven things. One, of course, is His person—who He is. "The Lord is merciful." Now the Lord does show mercy. The Lord has acts of mercy, but the Bible says that the Lord is mercy. The Lord is merciful, so it involves His person, who He is.

Psalms 115:5 says, "Gracious is the Lord and righteous." Yes, our God is merciful. It refers to who He is.

Psalms 119:64 says, "The earth, O Lord, is full of Your mercy."

Psalms 119:156 says, "Great are Your tender mercies, O Lord."

Psalms 145:8 says, "The Lord is gracious and full of compassion. Great in mercy."

And also in the New Testament in **Ephesians 2:4** it says that He is rich in mercy because of His great love.

I think a lot of people believe that they have blown it so bad in their life that there is no hope for them. I hear that so much. I hear people who say, "Well if he only knew what I am really like and what I have done, there is no way I could possibly be what you are asking me to be." God never is asking you to be anything apart from who He is. He provides all that you need. He is not trusting you to perform. That should be good news to a lot of people today. That should just take a heavy burden right off of you.

When you come to the Lord, you are not coming to somebody who is sitting with a baseball bat ready to club you for every false move. The Bible teaches that His essential nature and character is mercy. Mercy holds back from us what we really deserve. While grace gives us what we do not deserve. How wonderful it is to know that it involves His person. That is what His character is like. There is never a moment when you come to the Lord that He stops being merciful.

SCRIPTURE READING: PSALM 103:8

THOUGHT FOR THE WEEK: Apart from the **mercy of God**, there is no other source of hope for mankind.

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