

BENEFITS OF HIS MERCY Dr. David R. Landis 1/31/18-007

Text: Psalm 136 “*the Lord is good and His mercy endureth forever*”

- Review:
1. Mercy, compassion, favor, grace very similar in meanings.
 - a. Hebrew meant to get into the skin of another.
 2. Psalm 145:8,9 God is full of mercy and compassion.
 3. Jesus said if you seen Him, you saw the Father.
 4. One’s faith releases the mercy/grace towards one.

I. II Corinthians 1:3 The God of all comfort.

- A. John 14:16 “*another comforter*”
- B. As believers we should have ministries of mercy.
 1. We have received comfort to give it out to others.
 - a. Comfort and compassion are two sides of the same coin.
- C. Mark 5:1-5 The Gadara man possessed by the devil. It looked like no hope for this man.
 1. v6-8 He worships Jesus and Jesus addressed His need.
 2. v19,20 Jesus sends him on a mission to declare God’s compassion.
- D. Matthew 20:30, 31 Two blind men cry out for the mercy of God.
 1. v33 Be specific in your prayers.
 - a. Compassion is more than feeling sorry for someone.
- E. Mark 1:40-42 The leper was healed because of compassion.
 1. Jesus was moved and then put forth His hand and touched him.
 2. God is not putting sickness and disease to teach us. God is not taking your child to accomplish His purposes in your life.

II. Ephesians 2:1-3 A picture of what we were like before salvation.

- A. Ephesians 2:4, 5 A picture of what God’s mercy has done for us.
 1. The mercy of God planned the Virgin birth; produced the whole plan of redemption; produced the Holy Spirit baptism etc.
 - a. Everything we have inherited as believers comes from mercy.
- B. I Corinthians 11:31 God doesn’t want to judge us. He wants us to judge ourselves. Failure to judge oneself limits God’s blessing on us.
 1. Conviction? When you sin, the Holy Spirit moves to convict you of the sin and the devil moves in to condemn you.
 - a. Conviction is designed to bring you back into fellowship through repentance and forgiveness..

- b. Condemnation is designed to shame you so as to pull you away from God.
 - 2. I John 1:9 Agree you missed the mark there is where you find mercy.
 - a. Romans 8:1 There is now no condemnation. Always run to God His mercy endureth forever.
 - B. Hebrews 4:15, 16 We have a high priest we are to consider.
 - 1. First come boldly. Our High Priest knows what it was like to be clothed in flesh. He experienced every temptation, yet no sin.
- III. We need to practice the Presence of God. There are many keys but we have been given the master key, His Presence.
 - A. There is no sickness, disease, poverty, lack, and insufficiency in His Presence.
 - 1. His Presence is not a place we come to visit.
 - a. Exodus 33:14 “*My Presence shall go with thee...*”
 - 2. His Presence brings us “*rest*”.
 - a. Matthew 11:28,29 “*...and I will give you rest*”
 - B. I Chronicles 16:27 Glory and honour are in His Presence.
 - 1. Strength and gladness are in His place.
 - 2. Nehemiah 8:10 The joy of the Lord is our strength.
 - a. Psalms 16:7 In His Presence is fullness of joy.

