

Discovering God Is Merciful

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Read and journal your thoughts from Psalm 145:8-9

*The LORD is gracious and compassionate,
slow to anger and rich in love.
The LORD is good to all;
he has compassion on all he has made.*

What do these verses tell you about God's mercy?

How should this truth lead you in response toward God?

Write a prayer to God with your response today:

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Exodus 34:1-10

And he passed in front of Moses, proclaiming, "The LORD, the LORD, the compassionate and gracious God, slow to anger, abounding in love and faithfulness, maintaining love to thousands, and forgiving wickedness, rebellion and sin."
Verses 6-7

Intro: The fact that Exodus 34 exists is proof that God is merciful.

Five expressions of God's mercy:

1. God is compassionate (merciful) and gracious.
2. God is slow to anger.
3. God is abounding in love and faithfulness.
4. God maintains love to thousands.
5. God forgives wickedness, rebellion and sin.

Joel 2: 12 – 13

God Is Merciful:

During this series we will be looking at who God is. This week we will see how God is Merciful. Meaning that He continually finds reason to hold back the punishment that is due to us and instead, He forgives our sin and gives us one more chance, over and over again.

This Weeks Memory Passage: Psalm 130:1-4

*Remember, O LORD, your great mercy and love,
for they are from of old.*

Read Psalm 130:1-14 out loud all the way through. Now, read it again, slowly focusing on every word and pausing at every punctuation.

*Out of the depths, I cry to you, O LORD;
O Lord, hear my voice.
Let your ears be attentive
to my cry for mercy.
If you, O LORD, kept a record of sins,
O Lord, who could stand?
But with you, there is forgiveness;
therefore you are feared.*

Psalm 130:1-4

- As you read this slowly, what truth stood out to you in this passage?

- What does Psalm 130 tell you about your role in receiving God's mercy?

- Can you identify three or four attitudes we need to have when seeking mercy?

Daily Scripture Meditation Reading:

God's mercy revealed in the Psalms

- Day 1: Psalm 6
- Day 2: Psalm 25
- Day 3: Psalm 30
- Day 4: Psalm 143
- Day 5: Psalm 130

- How has reading from the Psalms this week revealed that God is full of mercy and compassion?

- What does the truth that God is Merciful mean to you personally?

- How has God shown that He is Merciful in your life?

- How should that affect the way you live your life?

- What should this truth lead you to do in your daily walk with God?

But when the kindness and love of God our Savior appeared, he saved us, not because of righteous things we had done, but because of his mercy. Titus 3:4-5