

# **Christ Apostolic Miracle Ministry Sunday School**

## **Topic: Mercy is a necessity – Part 1**

### **Bible Reading: Psalm 136:1-16**

#### **Introduction**

Mercy is the expression of compassion towards those in distress, or people who deserve punishment. Mercy is what makes the Lord to withhold His punishment, and provide kindness, forgiveness and help instead. Mercy can also be described as the benevolent treatment of people who are suffering or those in need; especially when it is within your power to punish or harm such people. Mercy is a fundamental attribute of God; see in His loving kindness. Mercy is a virtue that believers are commanded to show to another, and the Beloved often describe mercy as a triumph of kindness over judgment.

It is the mercy of God that makes this world to still be in existence, and no one can please God without being merciful to others. It must be noted that the mercy of God cannot be purchased with money, and you have to be merciful to others before you can be successful spiritually. Mercy is unavoidably necessary for peaceful life on earth and the spiritual growth of the Believers. Mercy can be referred to as something that is indispensable for the people who intend to spend their eternity in heavenly Paradise. Also, mercy is absolutely required for the survival of the Christians in this world. Therefore, it is important for the children of God to cultivate the virtue called 'Mercy,' and be merciful to others during their existence.

In the beginning, when God created the earth, it lacked leadership; then God pitied the condition of the earth. The Creator of the universe had compassion on the world by creating humans to be in charge of the earth and control its affairs. It was the mercy received that made God to give mankind dominion over everything on earth; according to the Bible passages that says, "Then God said, "Let Us make man in Our image, according to Our likeness; let them have dominion over the fish of the sea, over the birds of the air, and over the cattle, over all the earth and over every creeping thing that creeps on the earth." So, God created man in His own image; in the image of God, He created him; male and female He created them. Then God blessed them, and God said to them, "Be fruitful

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and multiply; fill the earth and subdue it; have dominion over the fish of the sea, over the birds of the air, and over every living thing that moves on the earth." **Genesis 1:26-28.**

**God is compassionate and gracious:** The Lord our God is a compassionate and gracious God who is slow to anger and abounding in love. The Almighty God is kind and merciful; He does not get angry easily and His love can always be trusted. The Ancient of Days is a God of compassion and mercy. He is patient and full of faithful love. The Lord is a merciful and loving God who is not temperamental. Our God is tender and kind, not easily angered, immense in love and He will never quit as long as you are obedient to His commandments. The Bible attested to this fact by saying, "But You, O Lord, are a God full of compassion, and gracious, longsuffering and abundant in mercy and truth." **Psalm 86:15.** You must be compassionate to prove that you are a real Christian.

**Mercy belongs to God:** Mercy and loving kindness belongs to Almighty God alone; and those who are merciful to others are imitating their Maker. Though mercy and strength belong to God; however, He will repay everyone according to their deeds. It signifies that God will compensate the good people and penalize the wicked; by rewarding each one of us according to what our works deserve. The Bible corroborated this fact by saying, "Also to You, O Lord, belongs mercy; For You render to each one according to his work." **Psalm 62:12.** Inasmuch as God will repay you according to your deeds, why not be merciful to others, in order to be blessed?

**Mercy and truth are the paths of the Lord:** The paths of the Lord are mercy plus steadfast love and truth to those who keep His covenant and testimonies. God is kind and faithful in everything that He is doing; and all His ways are filled with compassion and loving-kindness. If you cling to the promises and covenant of God; He will show you faithful love and truth that will not make you regret coming to this world. God is leading all who keep His covenant and obey His commands with faithfulness and love to the Fountain of Life. When you obey the Lord; He will guide your steps with His divine mercy; according to the scripture which says, "All the paths of the Lord are mercy and truth, to such as keep His covenant and His testimonies." **Psalm 25:10.** Are you prepared to keep the covenant and

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the commands of the Lord to the end?

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### Bible Reading: Psalm 136:1-16

### Mercy is required to please God

What God desires from the earthlings is mercy. The Lord is delighted in dutiful steadfast love rather than sacrifice. Loyalty in your covenant relationship with your Creator is more acceptable to Him than offerings. God prefers you to be faithful to Him, and to know Him than to offer sacrifices. Inasmuch as God prefers mercy to sacrifices, why not be merciful to others? God does not want your sacrifices; He wants your love. Your Maker does not want your offerings; instead, He wants you to know Him. It must be noted that God is after mercy and love that lasts; not more religion. The Ancient of Days wants you to know Him as the only real God more than going to more prayer meetings; according to the scripture which says, "For I desire mercy and not sacrifice, and the knowledge of God more than burnt offerings." **Hosea 6:6**. Remember, God wants you to be merciful and show love to others.

Jesus Christ our Lord also confirmed during His time on earth that He wants people to be merciful to one another; instead of sacrifices. The Savior of the world wants compassion rather than offerings. The Messiah desires readiness to help those in trouble; and not sacrificing animals. Jesus Christ wants Christians to be merciful to one another more than your gifts given to the churches. The Bible confirmed this fact by saying, "But go and learn what this means: 'I desire mercy and not sacrifice.' For I did not come to call the righteous, but sinners, to repentance." **Matthew 9:13**; and "But if you had known what this means, 'I desire mercy and not sacrifice,' you would not have condemned the guiltless." **Matthew 12:7**. Christ wants you to show mercy, instead of donations, or sacrifices.

**You cannot please God without mercy and justice:** The heavenly throne of God is established with righteousness and justice. The kingdom of God is ruled by justice and fairness with love, mercy and faithfulness leading the way. Since mercy is essential to our Lord God; it is shown in all His works. The importance of mercy makes our Maker to allow mercy to serve as an attendant before His heavenly throne. Therefore, it can be

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deduced that, right and justice are the roots of the rule of God; while love, mercy and truth are its fruits; according to the Book of Psalms which says, "Righteousness and justice are the foundation of Your throne; Mercy and truth go before Your face." **Psalm 89:14**. Hence, mercy and truth will join/unite; righteousness and peace embrace, "Mercy and truth have met together; Righteousness and peace have kissed." **Psalm 85:10**.

**God demands mercy:** God demands from mankind to be just, to love others like themselves and practice mercy by walking humbly with their Maker. God has told humans what is right and what He demands. The Lord demanded that we make sure that justice is done; also, we must allow mercy to be our primary/first concern and humbly obey the Lord our God. What the Lord requires from everyone is to do what is right to other people; we should love being nice and kind to others, and live humbly by obeying Almighty God. Anyone who is prepared to comply with the requirements of the Lord must be fair, just, merciful and walk humbly with God in obedience. Whoever does not love mercy cannot please God. The Bible attested to this fact by saying, "He has shown you, O man, what is good; And what does the Lord require of you but to do justly, to love mercy, and to walk humbly with your God?" **Micah 6:8**. You must be compassionate and love mercy before you can please God.

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## Topic: Mercy is a necessity – Part 3

### Bible Reading: Psalm 136:1-16

#### Only the temperate people can please God

Nowadays, most people in the world are not disciplined; so, the majority of the populace of this world cannot please the Almighty God their Maker. Anyone who intends to please his/her Creator must be disciplined. Self-discipline is a requirement for God to be delighted in you. You must exhibit self-control in every aspect of your life, before you can confess or profess to be a Believer. Before you can be counted as a Beloved, you must consistently exercise self-control, and follow through on actions to live a Christ-like-life; even when you are faced with difficulties and challenges or when your action is less appealing, or without immediate gratification.

People who want God to be merciful to them must exercise restraint in whatever they do. Such individuals must do sensible things that are different from the people who are glamorizing immorality in the world today. People who intend to please God must avoid extravagance or extreme behaviors that can make the name of God to be blasphemed through them. If you want the mercy of God to overflow in your life; then you must be calm, reserved and show moderation in everything you do. It is important to note that you must be unemotional and dispassionate, before you can please the Almighty God, and successfully complete your mission on earth.

The Lord our God is merciful and gracious. He is slow to anger and abounds in compassion and loving-kindness. God is kind, patient, and His love never fails. The Lord God is compassionate and gracious. He does not become angry quickly, but He is full of constant love. Our God is merciful and tender toward those who do not deserve it. If God does not become angry quickly, don't you think that you too must be slow to get angry? If your Maker is tender to sinners; don't you think you must be temperate? If the Lord our God is sheer mercy and grace; don't you think you have to be merciful to others? The Bible attested to this fact by saying, "The Lord is merciful and gracious, slow to anger, and abounding in mercy." **Psalm 103:8.** Inasmuch as God is not easily angered, don't you

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think you must not be temperamental in order to please the Lord, and share out of His rich grace?

**Imitate Your Creator:** Some of the way to please the Lord is to imitate Him and live a godly life. Therefore, godliness must be your watchword throughout your existence. You can follow the steps of your Creator by being merciful to others. If you are prepared to please the Lord your God; stop and discard your temperamental behavior; because human anger does not accomplish God's righteousness. If you are a temperamental person; you cannot do any of the good things God wants done. Do not forget that if you are not slow to anger; you cannot live the right kind of life that God wants. Temperamental people cannot please God or achieve His righteous purpose. You need to realize that human anger does not accomplish the righteousness of God's desires, and the righteousness of God does not grow from human anger; according to the scripture which says, "For the wrath of man does not produce the righteousness of God." **James 1:20.** You must be temperate, if you want to please God; because human anger cannot produce the holy life that God wants.

**Exhibit self-control in the churches:** Whenever you go to the church; make sure you exercise self-control and worship your Creator with deepest awe; in order for God to be merciful to you. Even though you are protected and preserved by the mercy of God, you must worship the Lord in reverence, before you can get from your Maker, directions that will transform your life and make you defeat your challenges; according to the Bible passage which says, "But as for me, I will come into Your house in the multitude of Your mercy; In fear of You I will worship toward Your holy temple." **Psalm 5:7.**

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## Topic: Mercy is a necessity – Part 4

### Bible Reading: Psalm 136:1-16

#### Mercy is for those who ask for help

God is full of unfailing love for all who ask for His assistance in sincerity. It is your duty to cry out to the Lord your God, if you want Him to be merciful to you. Almighty God is good and ready to forgive the sins of those who come to Him with repentant hearts. Inasmuch as God is abundant in mercy and compassion; He will willingly forgive those who pray to Him from a pure heart. The Ancient of Days is kind and has great love; so, He will be merciful to people who cry out to Him. If you want transformation in your life; then call upon the Lord who will forgive your transgressions, and pay attention to your prayers. The Lord is well known as bighearted to all who ask for His assistance, according to the scripture which says, "For You, Lord, are good, and ready to forgive, and abundant in mercy to all those who call upon You." **Psalm 86:5**. If you want your life to be upgraded, cry to God who is full of mercy for all who ask for His aid. It is time to call upon God who will be merciful to you by resolving your issues.

**God keeps mercy and covenant:** The Lord is a great and awesome God who keeps loving kindness and mercy for those who love Him and keep His commandments. God is gracious to only those who love Him and keep His statutes. If you want God to extend His grace to you; please keep His commands. God who is loyal will keep His agreement with you, if you are obedient. If you want the promises of God to be fulfilled in your life; you must observe the commandments of your Creator. Nehemiah confirmed this fact by saying, "And I said: "I pray, Lord God of heaven, O great and awesome God, You who keep Your covenant and mercy with those who love You and observe Your commandments." **Nehemiah 1:5**. If you love your Maker and obey Him; He will hear your prayers and your life will not remain the same.

**God watches over those who fear Him:** God is merciful to every soul who hopes confidently in His compassion. The Lord's eyes watch over those who fear Him and people who wait for His grace. If you fear the Lord and depend on His faithful love; your Creator will be merciful to you. You

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must honor the Lord your God, and trust His kindness before God can be merciful to you. Fear the Lord your God if you want Him to look after you and defend you everywhere under the sky. Obedience is a necessity before God can keep you from premature death. If your goal is protection and preservation; the Lord will make you realize your goal if you fear Him. You must fear and respect your Maker; before He can come to your rescue in bad times. The Bible attested to this fact by saying, "Behold, the eye of the Lord is on those who fear Him, on those who hope in His mercy."

**Psalm 33:18.** God will be merciful to you if and only if you fear Him.

**Mercy will surround you:** You must trust in the Lord and rely on Him, so that you will be encompassed with compassion. If you lean on the Lord, you will be surrounded with mercy. You must trust in the efficacy of the unstoppable power of the Lord, before you can be surrounded with grace. If you do not doubt or deny the Lord; then all your heartaches will turn to happiness. The kindness of God will shield you, and you will be protected by His constant love; if and only if you do not betray His eternal covenant. The Bible attested to this fact by saying, "Many sorrows shall be to the wicked; But he who trusts in the Lord, mercy shall surround him." **Psalm 32:10.** Trust in the Lord if you want to be surrounded with mercy and unfailing love.

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## Topic: Mercy is a necessity – Part 5

### Bible Reading: Psalm 136:1-16

#### Mercy is great and everlasting

Our God makes everything come out right, and He puts victims back on their feet because of His mercy. As the heavens are high above the earth, so great are the mercy and loving-kindness of the Lord towards those who worship the Almighty God reverently. The love of God for all who worship Him with awe-filled respect is greater than the distance between heaven and earth. It must be noted that as high as the sky is above the earth, so great is the love of God for those who honor Him. The great mercy that God has for mankind makes Him not to treat us as our sins deserve, nor pay us back in full for our wrongs. The Bible attested to this fact by saying, "For as the heavens are high above the earth, so great is His mercy toward those who fear Him." **Psalm 103:11**. Inasmuch as you fear your Maker, His unfailing love will abide in your life.

Humans need to realize that the mercy of the Lord for the people who fear Him is from everlasting to everlasting. God is always kind to those who worship Him with pure hearts. God will keep His promises for the descendants of those who honor Him; His love will last forever in their lives, and His goodness will endure for all their generations. The love of God is ever and always, eternally present to all who fear Him; by making everything right for them and their children as they follow His covenant ways and remember to do whatever He said; according to the scripture which says, "But the mercy of the Lord is from everlasting to everlasting on those who fear Him, and His righteousness to children's children." **Psalm 103:17**. If you want the mercy and the love of God to abide eternally in the lives of your descendants; fear the Lord and worship Him faithfully.

#### Many have received mercy

**Salvation of Lot:** The Lord spared the family of Lot before the destruction of Sodom and Gomorrah. The angels led Lot and his family out of Sodom and Gomorrah before the destruction of the city with brimstone and fire. Though Lot's wife defied the instructions of the angels, and she turned to a

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pillar of salt, the other members of the family were saved. The Bible chronicled the event in the Book of Genesis, "Then Lot said to them, "Please, no, my lords! Indeed now, your servant has found favor in your sight, and you have increased your mercy which you have shown me by saving my life; but I cannot escape to the mountains, lest some evil overtake me and I die." **Genesis 19:18-19.**

**The covenant of God for David:** The Lord God was merciful to King David because David feared the Lord and he was zealous for the work of God. These Virtues prompted the Lord to establish His eternal covenant with David.

God promised to establish the kingdom of one of the descendants of King David; who will build a house for the Lord. "And it shall be, when your days are fulfilled, when you must go to be with your fathers, that I will set up your seed after you, who will be of your sons; and I will establish his kingdom. He shall build Me a house, and I will establish his throne forever." **1 Chronicles 17:11-12.**

God promised not to take His mercy and grace away from David's son (Solomon) as He took them away from his predecessor (Saul), "I will be his Father, and he shall be My son; and I will not take My mercy away from him, as I took it from him who was before you." **1 Chronicles 17:13**

God promised to appoint David's son over His house and His eternal Kingdom forever. Then David's Son (Jesus Christ) throne will be established forever. "And I will establish him in My house and in My kingdom forever; and his throne shall be established forever." **1 Chronicles 17:14.**

These covenants can also be confirmed in the Book of Psalms: "For I have said, "Mercy shall be built up forever; Your faithfulness You shall establish in the very heavens." "I have made a covenant with My chosen, I have sworn to My servant David: 'Your seed I will establish forever, and build up your throne to all generations.'" **Psalms 89:2-4;** and **Psalms 89:28-37.**

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## Topic: Mercy is a necessity – Part 6

### Bible Reading: Psalm 136:1-16

#### Mercy will turn your life around

The mercy of God is indispensable to humanity, most especially those who want to live a peaceful and fulfilled life on earth. The mercy of God is what you need to turn your life around, whenever things are going wrong for you. It is your duty to seek the mercy of God anytime you are sick; so that God will be gracious to you by healing your feeble body. Anytime that you are weak, seek the mercy of God that is potent enough to rejuvenate your body and soul. God will have pity on those who come to Him for mercy. God alone can utilize His divine mercy to replenish your energy whenever you are weak and exhausted.

Do not hesitate to seek the mercy of God that can resolve your problems. It is a necessity to obtain the mercy of God that can turn your weakness to strength. The Bible attested to this fact by saying, "Have mercy on me, O Lord, for I am weak; O Lord, heal me, for my bones are troubled." **Psalm 6:2**. Anytime you need grace and unfailing love, seek the mercy of God that can make you well. God will have compassion on you, and your agony will be over, if you seek His mercy.

**Mercy of God will overturn your affliction:** The mercy of God is what can eliminate your sufferings and give you joy. When enemies are mistreating you, try and obtain the mercy of God that will turn your miseries to gladness and glory. God will consider your affliction at the hands of those who hate you by keeping you from the gate that leads to death. The Lord is a compassionate God who will not ignore the cry of the afflicted people who are seeking His divine mercy.

If you are being persecuted, the mercy of God will resolve your situation. God will make you overcome your challenges if and only if you seek His mercy. Cry out to the merciful God who will rescue you and snatch you back from the jaws of death. The Bible corroborated this fact by saying, "Have mercy on me, O Lord! Consider my trouble from those who hate me, You who lift me up from the gates of death." **Psalm 9:13**. You need

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the mercy of God that can turn your tormentors to your footstool. The mercy of God will protect you from untimely death and the power of the grave.

**Mercy will give you needed support:** The mercy of God will give you the necessary support that will keep you from falling spiritually. Anytime your foot is slipping spiritually, the mercy of God will keep you steady. If you depend on the mercy of God, you will neither slip nor fall spiritually. The mercy of God is capable of keeping you safe and uphold you, if you are worthy. If you are obedient, the mercy of God will hold you up from falling and sustain you.

The Bible confirmed this fact by saying, "If I say, "My foot slips," Your mercy, O Lord, will hold me up." **Psalm 94:18.** You need to rely on the mercy of God that can prevent you from falling, and give you necessary support to survive in this perilous world. If you want to be immovable and established during your lifetime, cry to the Lord for his divine mercy.

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## Topic: Mercy of God is a necessity – Part 7

### Bible Reading: Psalm 136:1-16

#### Mercy belongs to God

Humans need to realize that mercy and lovingkindness together with forgiveness belong to Almighty God alone. Compassion and forgiveness belong to the Lord our God. The Lord God is merciful and forgiving; even though mankind has rebelled against Him. Almighty God still shows humanity mercy, and He forgives our sins; even though we have turned against Him. Despite the fact that humans are drinking sins as if drinking water, the Lord God is merciful and pardons our iniquities. The Bible testified to this fact by saying, “To the Lord our God belong mercy and forgiveness, though we have rebelled against Him.” **Daniel 9:9**. Though God is merciful and forgiving; however, He will not keep His anger forever.

**Mercy cannot be purchased:** It must be noted that the mercy of God cannot be purchased, it is for only the obedient people. God will be merciful to you, if you devotedly walk before Him and serve Him wholeheartedly. The prerequisite for God to be merciful and loyal to you is for you to faithfully obey His teachings. Inasmuch as mercy of God cannot be purchased with worldly resources, why not walk before, your Creator in obedience? If you are anxious to do the will of God, He will show you mercy and lovingkindness. The Lord will love you unfailingly. If you sincerely live in obedience to His way; according to the scripture which says, and he said: “Lord God of Israel, there is no God in heaven or on earth like You, who keep Your covenant and mercy with Your servants who walk before You with all their hearts.” **2 Chronicles 6:14**. Walk before God in wholehearted devotion; so that He will keep His covenant with you. One of the ways to earn the mercy of God is to form a bond with your Maker and serve Him faithfully.

**Why the world is in turmoil:** Today, people in the world do not have time for God, or pay attention to His directives. People throughout the world are so engrossed in pursuing their ambitions and aspirations that make them neglect God. Humans are busy pursuing how to make ends meet and survive in this world; to the extent that the majority of people don't thank

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their Creator, or appreciate the Lord. It is your duty to tell the Lord how thankful you are, and give Him the praises due to His name.

The rebellion of humans against God made us forfeit our rights; because people are not paying attention to the teachings of the Bible, and live a godly life. Today, people have ignored the statutes of the Lord; instead, they are doing what pleases them, and defying the instructions of God. If the whole world can return to God, and give thanks to the Lord, this world will be a better place to live; according to the Bible passages, “Oh, give thanks to the LORD, for He is good! For His mercy endures forever.” **1 Chronicles 16:34 or Psalm 118:1.**

**Chaos is prevalent in the world:** Nowadays, the majority of the people in the world are merciless. This merciless conduct is what is causing chaos throughout the globe. Had it been that merciless conduct is not rampant on the earth; the world would have been a settled place to live. Humans lack knowledge to know that mercy overrules judgment. Had it been that people pity one another; they will realize that mercy wins out over judgment. If you are merciful to others, the mercy of God towards you will win over His judgment against you. The Bible attested to this fact by saying, “For judgment is without mercy to the one who has shown no mercy. Mercy triumphs over judgment.” **James 2:13.** If you do not want harsh judgment of God to come upon you, be merciful to others.

We pray that God will bless the Believers with mercy, peace and love. God in His infinite mercy will fill your heart with the spiritual well-being and serenity experienced by those who walk closely with Him. God will give you peace in your mind and whatever you do, in Jesus’ name.

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## Topic: Mercy of God is a necessity – Part 8

### Bible Reading: Psalm 136:1-16

#### Is the world near its end?

Many people are saying the mercy, and the loving kindness of God have ceased, and the Lord has forsaken the world. The mindset of numerous people is: will the Almighty God ever show favor to the world again? The majority of people are asking; is this the end of the love and promises of God for mankind? The question on everyone's mind is, has God stopped loving the earthlings? Several people are saying, is the loving kindness of God gone forever? Has the promise of God failed? Will the Lord walk off and leave humans for good? Will God never smile at us again? Has His salvation promise burned out? The answer to all these questions is, NO! The Bible attested to this fact by saying, "Has His mercy ceased forever? Has His promise failed forevermore?" **Psalm 77:8**. The world will not end now.

#### Grace through Christ Jesus preserves the world

Most of the people in the world are mired in their old stagnant life of sin; because they allowed the unbelievers to influence them and tell them how to live. However, God did not lose His temper due to the grace received through Jesus Christ our Lord. God who is immense in mercy and incredible love embraced us by taking away our sin-dead lives and made us alive in Christ. Therefore, it is by grace through Christ that humans are saved and the world is preserved, not by their achievements. The Bible corroborated this fact by saying, "But God, who is rich in mercy, because of His great love with which He loved us, even when we were dead in trespasses, made us alive together with Christ (by grace you have been saved), and raised us up together, and made us sit together in the heavenly places in Christ Jesus, that in the ages to come He might show the exceeding riches of His grace in His kindness toward us in Christ Jesus." **Ephesians 2:4-7**. Remember, it is God's gift of underserved grace received through Jesus Christ that saves you and preserves the world.

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Do not forget that it is the plea of Jesus Christ saying, "Abba Father" please consider my suffering on the Cross and preserve the world that made this earth to still be in existence. Jesus Christ is the One that is pleading with His Father on our behalf.

**God provides for all:** Almighty God always remembers humans when they are down, and the Lord rescues them from the trampling boots of their enemies. God takes care of everyone in time of need, because His mercy is great beyond measure. God is the One who provides for all living things, because His mercy is higher than the heavens. God gives food to all flesh and every creature, because His love and kindness last forever. Whether you believe it or not, it is the Almighty God that is providing for your needs; not your smartness, or prowess; or might; according to the scripture which says," Who gives food to all flesh, for His mercy endures forever." **Psalm 136:25.** We pray that the grace and compassion of God that is providing for your needs will not cease, in Jesus' name.

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## Topic: Mercy is a necessity – Part 9

### Bible Reading: Psalm 136:1-16

#### **Mercy and favor will not elude the righteous**

The Lord our God is a faithful God who is neither partial or biased; so, He will never fail to show mercy and favor to the righteous people. If you obey the commandments of the Lord; then He will be kind to your families for thousands of generations. The grace of God will not be withheld from you, if you keep the commands of the Lord. Inasmuch as God cannot be deceived, He will show kindness to the people who are loyal to Him. You must love God and serve Him wholeheartedly, if you want your Maker to be favorable to you. You must love the Lord and keep His statutes, if you want God to lavish unfailing love and mercy on you. The Bible attested to this fact by saying, "But showing mercy to thousands, to those who love Me and keep My commandments." **Exodus 20:6.**

It is necessary for you to have a close relationship with your Creator, if you want Him to be favorable and gracious to you. God will be unswervingly loyal to you, and He will show your descendants kindness; if you are obedient, **Deuteronomy 5:10.**

**God will be merciful to the righteous:** God will not deny any righteous person loving kindness and mercy. You will not be bereft and destitute of grace of the Lord, if your ways please your Maker. God will not withhold His favor and kindness from the obedient people. You must be righteous if you want God to keep and fulfill the promises He made to you. The oldest servant of Abraham testified to this fact by saying, 'And he said, "Blessed be the Lord God of my master Abraham, who has not forsaken His mercy and His truth toward my master. As for me, being on the way, the Lord led me to the house of my master's brethren."' **Genesis 24:27.** Your conduct must please the Lord before He will be merciful and gracious to you.

**You will receive favor everywhere:** when your ways please the Lord, He will make your enemies to be at peace with you. If you are obedient, you will draw favor from the Lord and humans. When you do things that please your Maker, even your foes will make friends with you. You must try to

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please God, so that your worst adversaries will end up shaking your hand. If you want to find favor everywhere, make sure that God is delighted in your lifestyle; so that your Creator can turn your enemies to your friends; according to the scripture which says, "When a man's ways please the Lord, He makes even his enemies to be at peace with him." **Proverbs 16:7.**

When Joseph's ways pleased God; He showed Joseph mercy and gave him favor in the sight of the warden of the prison. The Lord showed Joseph grace and gave him favor in the presence of the prison warden. You must be obedient before God will make people like you and be favorable to you. The Bible corroborated the fact by saying, "But the Lord was with Joseph and showed him mercy, and He gave him favor in the sight of the keeper of the prison." **Genesis 39:21.** You must do what is right before God will reach out in kindness to you; then, the Lord will put you on good terms with everyone, and you will receive favor everywhere.

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## Topic: Mercy is a necessity – Part 10

### Bible Reading: Psalm 136:1-16

#### Mercy will not depart from the honest people

The mercy of God will abide in the journeys of the honest people, and the Lord will protect them from the affliction of the evil doers. The mercy of God will be pronounced in the lives of the honest people, and the Lord will mow down their enemies. The Lord will make the truthful people famous, and they will be ranked with the great names on earth. If you want to succeed and be firmly established; you must be sincere in all your dealings. God will never remove His gracious love from the candid people; instead, He will keep them secured.

If the honest people misbehave, God will discipline them in the usual ways, the pitfalls and obstacles of this mortal life, but His favor will not be taken from them. The love and kindness of God will not leave the frank people; even if they are been taken away from the wicked people. The only way for God not to withdraw his mercy and support from you is to be obedient and honest. God will not put an end to His agreement with you, if you are righteous. This was part of the messages of God to David due to his honesty; according to the Book of Samuel which says, ““But My mercy shall not depart from him, as I took it from Saul, whom I removed from before you.” **2 Samuel 7:15.**

Inasmuch as the Lord is a faithful God who keeps the covenant and proves loyal to everyone who loves him; then His mercy will not depart from the honest people. God will not cease to keep covenant, steadfast love, and mercy for the sincere people. If you want God to keep His promises and constant love for you, be candid in all your ways. God will step in and surround you with favor and mercy if you are honest; according to the scripture which says, “Therefore know that the Lord your God, He is God, the faithful God who keeps covenant and mercy for a thousand generations with those who love Him and keep His commandments.” **Deuteronomy 7:9.** You will be lavished with mercy and unfailing love, if you are truthful and obedient.

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## God is a disciplinarian

Almighty God is a disciplinarian who doesn't condone any form of indiscipline. Though the Lord is a merciful God; however, He will never leave the guilty unpunished. The fact that the Lord is a merciful God does not mean he will exonerate the guilty, because He is a disciplinarian. God will not forget or fail to punish the guilty; however, He will not punish the repentant people who keep His commands. The scripture attested to this fact by saying, "Keeping mercy for thousands, forgiving iniquity and transgression and sin, by no means clearing the guilty, visiting the iniquity of the fathers upon the children and the children's children to the third and the fourth generation." **Exodus 34:7**. Remember that even though God forgives iniquity and wrong-doing; He will not excuse the guilty, or allow them to go scot-free.

The Lord is very patient and absolutely loyal; forgiving wrongs and disloyalty, but He will not leave the guilty unpunished. God is rich in grace; He forgives offences and crimes; but He will not exonerate the guilty. God will forgive your sins and transgressions, but you will be penalized for your iniquities. So, if you do not want the fallout of your ancestors to be extended to you and your descendants; abstain from wrongdoings. The Bible corroborated this fact by saying, 'The Lord is longsuffering and abundant in mercy, forgiving iniquity and transgression; but He by no means clears the guilty, visiting the iniquity of the fathers on the children to the third and fourth generation.' **Numbers 14:18**. If you refrain from iniquities and lustful lifestyle, God will not lay the sins of your parents upon you; in a way that can affect your entire family.

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## Topic: Mercy is a necessity – Part 11

### Bible Reading: Psalm 136:1-16

#### You need mercy to survive

The mercy of the Lord is what you need to survive in this perilous world. When you are being confronted by challenges that are shaking your faith, you need the compassion of God to overcome them. The mercy of God will give you the necessary support anytime that your foot is slipping spiritually. Any time that you are at the spiritual junction of incomprehension; the mercy of the Lord is the only thing that can uphold you. It is inevitable for you to seek the grace of God that can keep you safe whenever you are falling spiritually.

Do not forget that it is the kindness of the Lord that can stand up for you against the wicked people. It is time for you to realize that mercy alone can uphold and restore you anytime that you are falling and failing spiritually due to carelessness or weariness. The Bible attested to this fact by saying, "If I say, "My foot slips," Your mercy, O Lord, will hold me up." **Psalm 94:18**. Whenever you are losing your balance in life; do not hesitate to seek the mercy of God that will keep you from falling spiritually.

**Do not fear insults:** People who are in right standing with God must not fear disgrace of humans, or be shattered by their taunts. Believers must not fear human scorn, or be upset when they abuse them; because the mercy of the Lord will reverse their dissatisfied situations. Do not be discouraged when others insult you and say hurtful things to you; instead, forge forward doing good until God pour His grace upon you. Inasmuch as Christians cannot escape the taunting of the unbelievers; however, they must not be upset by their insults; because the merciful God will positively change their condition. You must not pay attention to people's scorn, or their slanderous talk; instead, seek the mercy of the Lord that can turn your insults to honor, according to the scripture that says, "Listen to Me, you who know righteousness, you people in whose heart is My law: Do not fear the reproach of men, nor be afraid of their insults." **Isaiah 51:7**. Do not relent, but seek the grace of God that can turn your reproaches to glory.

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**Mercy will turn your shame to honor:** You need to pray to God to resolve your issues with Mercy; because you have been insulted more than you can stand. Do not be afraid whenever people are treating you with contempt for doing what is good and right; because the gracious God will compensate you. Plead with your Maker to show you favor; because you had more than enough contempt. Christians need to ask their Creator to be merciful to them by turning their shame to honor; according to the Bible passage which says, "Have mercy on us, O Lord, have mercy on us! For we are exceedingly filled with contempt." **Psalm 123:3.** Call upon the merciful God who will utilize grace to turn your shame to honor. The Lord will make people fall at your feet wherever you have been disgraced in the past.

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## Topic: Mercy is a necessity – Part 12

### Bible Reading: Psalm 136:1-16

#### **Mercy will eradicate your barrenness**

It must be noted that the mercy of the Lord is potent enough to eradicate both physical and spiritual barrenness from your journey. You need to realize that the grace of God is what can make you productive during your lifetime. The proven kindness of God is what can turn your sterility to fertility. Those who want to be fruitful physically and spiritually during their existence must seek the compassion of the Lord. Anyone who doesn't want to be fruitless will plead with God to be gracious to him or her.

It is the mercy of God that made Elizabeth conceive in her old age and gave birth to John the Baptist the forerunner of our Lord Jesus Christ. Elizabeth, who was considered to be barren, conceived in her old age through the grace of God. Therefore, only the mercy of God is capable of eradicating every form of infertility from your journey. Your friends and relatives will hear about the mercies of God in your life, and they will celebrate with you before this year passes away. This was how the neighbors and relatives rejoiced with Elizabeth when she delivered John, according to the Book of Luke which says, "Now Elizabeth's full time came for her to be delivered, and she brought forth a son. When her neighbors and relatives heard how the Lord had shown great mercy to her, they rejoiced with her." **Luke 1:57-58.**

**Mercy will make sickness and trouble disappear:** The mercy of the Lord is what can resolve your situation whenever you are hurting and your body aches from illness. Anytime you are depressed, and your vision fails; because of your grief, seek the compassion of God. Only the grace of God can heal your body and spirit. Do not forget that the kindness of God is what can resolve your frustration. You need to realize that the grace of God is powerful enough to turn your weakness to strength; in a way that will make you forget your past miseries. If you don't want your health to be broken by sorrow, seek the gracious God. If you don't want your years to be shortened, or drained away because of sadness, ask God to be merciful to you. We pray that your life will not leak away and your years will

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not fade out in sighs. The Bible corroborated this fact by saying, "Have mercy on me, O LORD, for I am in trouble; My eye wastes away with grief, yes, my soul and my body!" **Psalm 31:9.**

Whatever you are passing through, do not forget that only the mercy of the Lord can resolve your circumstances. Do not see yourself as a righteous person, but plead for the mercy of your Creator. You must not claim to be innocent during your trials or ordeal, but beg God for mercy. Always rely on the merciful God to be gracious to you and quickly resolve your situation.

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## Topic: Mercy is a necessity – Part 13

### Bible Reading: Psalm 136:1-16

#### **Humans cannot be justified by righteousness**

Humans need to realize that no one can be justified and brought into right standing with God through the Law, or our deeds, except through the mercy of the Lord. It must be noted that mankind cannot be declared free of the guilt of sin and its penalty without the mercy of God. You need to know that you cannot be made righteous by the Law, or your virtues; but, by the grace of your Maker. No one can please God by obeying the Law; so, seek the mercy of the Lord. Inasmuch as only the people who have God's approval will live by faith, why not seek the grace of the Lord?

People need to realize that they cannot sustain a relationship with their Creator by participating in a moral program alone. Anyone who lives in the right relationship with God does it by embracing what the Lord arranges for such a person. Do not forget that doing things for God is different and opposite of entering into what the Lord does for you by grace. It is important to know that real life can be obtained by having faith in the Lord and seeking His compassion; in order to be set right by God. The Bible corroborated this fact by saying, "But that no one is justified by the law in the sight of God is evident, for "the just shall live by faith."" **Galatians 3:11.** Since no one can ever win God's favor by trying to keep the Law, why not ask the Lord to be gracious to you?

**Count not on your righteousness:** People should not count on their righteousness, but beg for the mercy of God that can sustain them in the land of the living. We need to realize that all our deeds of righteousness are like filthy rags before the Lord. The best deeds of humans are like polluted garments before God. Nowadays, countless people are unfit to worship the Lord and all our good works are worthless. Inasmuch as all of us are dirty with sin, why not seek the grace of God that can cleanse us? Since all our best actions are like permanently stained rags, why not count on the mercy of the Lord to survive and succeed in this world? Do not count on your righteousness; but, plead with God to be merciful to you; because you are impure with sin. The Bible attested to this fact by

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saying, "But we are all like an unclean thing, and all our righteousnesses are like filthy rags; We all fade as a leaf, and our iniquities, like the wind, have taken us away." **Isaiah 64:6**. It is time to ask the Lord to be gracious and compassionate to you by giving you sustainable mercy; because you are sin infected. With this knowledge that you are sin contaminated and your best efforts are spiritually grease-stained rags; pray to God to be merciful to you.

For this reason, do not see yourself as a righteous person but beg the Lord to be merciful to you. Whatever you are passing through, do not consider yourself as innocent, but plead with the Lord to be gracious to you. Whatever the circumstance, do not use foolishness to query God, but urge Him to pity your condition. It is wrong to oppose the Lord because of your hardships; instead, call on your Maker to be compassionate to you. The Book of Job confirmed this fact by saying, "For though I were righteous, I could not answer Him; I would beg mercy of my Judge." **Job 9:15**. Do not rebel against the Lord due to your dicey situation; but emulate Job by entreating your Creator to be merciful to you.

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## Topic: Mercy is a necessity – Part 14

### Bible Reading: Psalm 136:1-16

#### Never forsake the source of mercy

Nowadays, the ignorant people are forsaking Almighty God, the living source of mercy, while they are embracing the insignificant things of this world. Those who regard the worthless things of this world and turn away from their First Love will never be successful spiritually. People who are worshipping idols, or deities give up their loyalty to their Maker, and they have forfeited the mercy of the Lord. Do you abandon the source of mercy because you cherish the vanities of this world? Are the rootless and meaningless things making you desert your source of mercy? If you elevate anything in this world above your Creator, it signifies that you have turned your back on all the mercies waiting for you from the Lord. Anytime you walk away from the righteous path; it means you are turning your back on all God's mercies. The Bible attested to this fact by saying, "Those who regard worthless idols forsake their own Mercy." **Jonah 2:8**. Do not worship or cling to the worthless things of this world; else, you will miss out on the mercies of the Lord.

**Dispense justice and show kindness:** It is the command of the Lord to dispense true justice and show kindness. It is the directive of God to make fair decisions and show compassion to one another. Had it been that people are just in all their ways and they show faithful love to each other; this world would have been a better place to live. What God requires from humanity is justice, kindness and obedience. It is the duty of the Christians to do what is right and good by being compassionate to one another. It is time to make honesty and fairness your watchword; according to the scripture which says, "Thus says the Lord of hosts: 'Execute true justice, show mercy and compassion everyone to his brother.'" **Zechariah 7:9**. Do not take advantage of the weak or less the privileged; instead, treat one another justly. It is important to love others like yourself and be compassionate, if you want to reside in Paradise.

God will pity your condition, if you dispense justice and exhibit kindness; then, your Maker will be prompted to show you love and save you. God will

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revive your life and give you a brighter future, if you are just. Almighty God will be merciful to you and you will have reasons to rejoice in the Lord; if you are sincere and transparent. Obedience is what will make the Lord to rescue you from your adversaries and grant you eternal Salvation. If you keep the statutes of the Lord; He will show you His gracious love and saving assistance that will deliver you from whatever that is making your life unbearable.

**Blessings belong to the merciful:** The blessings of the Lord will be pronounced in the lives of the merciful people. The merciful people will prosper spiritually with a life full of joy, and satisfaction in God's favor and salvation. Those who are merciful, will be blessed and happy; regardless of their outward conditions. If you want to be treated with kindness and obtain mercy; be merciful to others. Anyone who wants to receive mercy from the Lord must show mercy to others. You are blessed when you care about others and pity them; according to the Bible passage which says, "Blessed are the merciful, for they shall obtain mercy. "**Matthew 5:7.**

Finally, you need to realize that God blesses those who are merciful and demonstrates His gracious love in their lives.

**The Seal: Psalm 136:26:** "Oh, give thanks to the God of heaven! For His mercy endures forever."