

God's Mercy In Repentance

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Psalm 51:1 ESV *To the choirmaster. A Psalm of David, when Nathan the prophet went to him, after he had gone in to Bathsheba.*

1 Have mercy on me, O God, according to your steadfast love; according to your abundant mercy blot out my transgressions.

- *His mercy to forgive is the one and only thing standing between us and the fiery punishment of everlasting Hell.*
- *There is not even one merit in us to justify His forgiveness.*
- *Forgiveness of sin is always entirely about God's love and mercy; it is never about some redeeming quality in ourselves.*

Exodus 34:4-7 ESV

4 So Moses cut two tablets of stone like the first. And he rose early in the morning and went up on Mount Sinai, as the LORD had commanded him, and took in his hand two tablets of stone.

5 The LORD descended in the cloud and stood with him there, and proclaimed the name of the LORD.

6 The LORD passed before him and proclaimed, "The LORD, the LORD, a God merciful and gracious, slow to anger, and abounding in steadfast love and faithfulness,

7 keeping steadfast love for thousands, forgiving iniquity and transgression and sin, but who will by no means clear the guilty, visiting the iniquity of the fathers on the children and the children's children, to the third and the fourth generation."

Jeremiah 31:29-30 ESV

29 In those days they shall no longer say: "'The fathers have eaten sour grapes, and the children's teeth are set on edge.'

30 But everyone shall die for his own iniquity. Each man who eats sour grapes, his teeth shall be set on edge.

Micah 7:18-19 ESV

18 Who is a God like you, pardoning iniquity and passing over transgression for the remnant of his inheritance? He does not retain his anger forever, because he delights in steadfast love.

19 He will again have compassion on us; he will tread our iniquities underfoot. You will cast all our sins into the depths of the sea.

Psalm 51:2 ESV

2 Wash me thoroughly from my iniquity, and cleanse me from my sin!

- thoroughly (rābâ) multiply, increase, abundance, greater, become great, become numerous, make many

- *Being cleansed from the sin in our flesh [sanctification], to walk free from the carnal passions within, requires the trio of disciplines: abiding, abstaining and chastening.*
- *Supplemental to God's power supplied by abiding in communion, is the discipline of weakening the flesh by the starvation of abstinence. Simultaneously, God supernaturally fashions and molds our character through the circumstances and trials of His chastening.*

John 15:5 ESV

5 I am the vine; you are the branches. Whoever abides in me and is in him, he it is that bears much fruit, for apart from me you can do nothing.

Galatians 5:16 ESV

16 But I say, walk by the Spirit, and you will not gratify the desires of the flesh.

1 Peter 2:11 ESV

11 Beloved, I urge you as sojourners and exiles to abstain from the passions of the flesh, which wage war against your soul.

1 Peter 4:1-2 ESV

1 Since therefore Christ suffered in the flesh, arm yourselves with the same way of thinking, for whoever has suffered in the flesh has ceased from sin,

2 so as to live for the rest of the time in the flesh no longer for human passions but for the will of God.

"You can mark it down: God deals with us as gently as he can or as harshly as he must."

—Dr. Jim Denison, The Daily Article, June 30, 2021