

Mercy

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Psalm 51:1 (ESV)

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

Mercy is not getting what we deserve! We do something wrong deserving punishment and ask for mercy. Please God do not give us what we deserve. One of the greatest examples God's mercy was when King David was confronted for his sins of adultery and murder. The sins were heinous and had tremendous earthly consequences, but God had mercy on David and forgave him. Looking at Psalm 51, we can see a sincere godly way to ask God for mercy. **First of all, we typically look at the earthly consequences of our sin and fail to see the greater violation is our affront to God HIMSELF. Our good and bad actions have a multitude of impacts in this world. However, our sin is primarily against God who holds all things in HIS HANDS, thus sin distorts who God is and all HE intends to do. As God's anointed, David realizes this. When he asks for mercy, David acknowledges the real issue.**

Psalm 51:4 (ESV)

Against you, you only, have I sinned
and done what is evil in your sight.

Once this is planted in our heart, we see we are accountable to God and God alone. Therefore, our thinking becomes absolutely clear. All our actions are based on God's truth.

Mercy will be given to those who see the need to have truth of God permeate their inward being.

Psalm 51:6 (ESV)

Behold, you delight in truth in the inward being,
and you teach me wisdom in the secret [heart or part].

As the Amplified Bible says:

Psalm 51:6 (AMP)

Behold, YOU desire truth in the inner being; make me
therefore to know wisdom in my inmost heart.

**Because we know God's desires truth in our inner being,
mercy comes when we also pray for God to examine our
spiritual condition.**

Psalm 139:23–24 (ESV)

²³ Search me, O God, and know my heart!

Try me and know my thoughts!

²⁴ And see if there be any grievous way in me,
and lead me in the way everlasting!

**When walking with God, we desire nothing less than
conformity to HIS will. The ultimate act of repentance and
receiving mercy is desiring God to change our very heart.**

Psalm 51:10 (ESV)

Create in me a clean heart, O God,
and renew a right spirit within me.

When we see the depth of the evilness of sin, it breaks our heart. When we are broken hearted for our sin against God, we ask for mercy, and the God of mercy gives us mercy.

Psalm 51:17 (ESV)

The sacrifices of God are a broken spirit;
a broken and contrite heart, O God, you will not despise.

God will not despise us for our sin but will pour out HIS mercy on us. As God gave David Mercy, HE also will give us mercy.

1 John 1:9 (ESV)

If we “**confess**” our sins, he is faithful and just to forgive us our sins and to cleanse us from all unrighteousness.

Confess literally means “to speak the same thing” or “agree with”! Therefore, when we see sin as sin, we confess it meaning “speak the same thing as God” about sin or “agree with God” about the sin. When we confess our sin, God forgives us and cleanses us enhancing our walk with HIM. Therefore, when we sin, we are not to be continually burdened, weighed down, or fearful, but we simply confess, agree with God, and move on. **God will recognize our heart for HIM and continue to walk with us, guide us, and speak to us just like HE did David.**

Acts 13:22 (ESV)

I have found in David the son of Jesse a man after my heart, who will do all my will.

Psalm 51 gives us a great picture of how we are to bring our failure to God and how God will have mercy on us.

What about justice. Justice clearly says all sin must be punished. God is a God of Justice, but also HE is a God of mercy. How can God be both? The answer is through the Cross. **Justice and Mercy kiss at the Cross through Jesus Christ. Justice is accomplished by Jesus suffering the punishment for all our sin. Mercy is accomplished by God not punishing us for our sin because Jesus has already suffered in our place.**

2 Corinthians 5:21 (NIV)

God made him who had no sin to be sin for us (JUSTICE), so that in him we might become the righteousness of God (MERCY).

By Mercy the penalty for our sin was paid giving us forgiveness and eternal life. By Mercy we remain in continued fellowship with God by confessing our repeated sins while here on earth.

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