

THE BIBLE WORD SERIES

A Brief Study of those Important Words found in the Bible that we need to understand, not just skip over.

MERCY

The word "mercy" in both Hebrew & Greek mean "kindness" & "compassion". It also means "to bend to an inferior in compassion".

Ephesians 2:4 - But God, who is rich in mercy, because of His great love with which He loved us, even when we were dead toward God & still living under the control of sin, He made us alive together with Christ ...

1. There is a huge contrast in our lives here. What is it?

a. "We were _____ toward God."

b. "He made us _____ together with Christ."

This is Mercy!!

*If there were no mercy, God would have left us dead toward God. (No connection with God forever)
Hurray! There is mercy. God made us alive together with Christ. (Connected with God forever)*

2. How do we know that the devil **does not** want a relationship with us?

a. "Dead toward God & still living under the _____ of _____."

3. How do we know that God **does** want a relationship with us?

a. "He made us alive _____ with Christ."

This is Mercy!!

The devil only wants to keep us forever controlled & enslaved by sin.

The Holy God only wants to keep us connected with Him together to enjoy us.

*Get this!! "Compassion" = "com"+"passion" = "together"+"suffer" = "to suffer together".
For a holy God & a sinful man to suffer together; that's mercy.*

Now to blow you away!!

Psalm 127:3 - Behold, children are a promised future (heritage) from the Lord, the fruit of the womb is a reward.

Psalm 139:13-14 For You formed my inward parts; You covered me in my mother's womb. I will praise You, for I am fearfully and wonderfully made;

Isaiah 49:14-16 You may say, "The LORD has forsaken me, and my Lord has forgotten me." Can a woman forget her nursing child, and not have compassion on the son of her womb? Even if they could forget, I will not forget you. See, I have carved you on the palms of My hands;

4. What word appears in all three texts above? (See the underlined word) _____

5. God's mercy guarantees us a future with God. ___ Yes ___ No

6. God's mercy provides us with protection. ___ Yes ___ No

7. God's mercy = "all things work together for good" ___ Yes ___ No

8. God's mercy promises that He will not forget us ___ Yes ___ No

9. God's mercy reminds us of His daily presence. ___ Yes ___ No

That special word called the mother's "womb" and the word "mercy" are the same Hebrew word. Can you believe it? Do you see how powerful God's mercy is for us?

Psalm 85:10 - *Mercy and truth have met together; righteousness and peace have kissed.*

10. What is "mercy" always teamed up with? _____

Remember! "Mercy" = not giving us what we deserve.

God does not give us mercy because He lacks all the facts of our lives. He knows all the rotten details yet He still loves us, has compassion on us, holds us close to His heart.

Proverbs 3:3-4 - *Don't forget that mercy and truth work together; bind them around your neck, write them on the tablet of your heart, and so find favor and high esteem in the sight of God and man.*

11. Describe someone who knows they have received mercy? (Match the verse & items)

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| a. They know where they came from. | ___ High esteem in the sight of God |
| b. They allow God to constantly remind them. | ___ Mercy & truth work together |
| c. They have truth & confidence in their heart. | ___ High esteem in the sight of men |
| d. They enjoy pleasing God with their lives. | ___ Write them on their heart |
| e. They display integrity to those around them. | ___ Bind them around the neck |

Micah 6:8 - *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.*

12. Do you see God's mercy in this verse? ___Yes ___No If yes, how?

WAIT A MINUTE!!

13. Is it possible that a holy God would want to show us what is good? ___Yes ___No

14. Is it possible for us to "live or do justly"? ___Yes ___No

15. Is it possible for us to "love mercy & show it"? ___Yes ___No

16. Is it possible for us to "walk humbly"? ___Yes ___No

Take a breath!!

17. Is it possible for us to "do justly" with our God? ___Yes ___No

18. Is it possible for us to "love mercy" with our God? ___Yes ___No

19. Is it possible for us to "walk humbly" with our God? ___Yes ___No

This is Mercy!!

Genesis 39:21 - *But the Lord was with Joseph and showed him mercy, and God gave him favor with the prison warden.*

Genesis 39:23 - *The warden did not check up on anything under Joseph's authority, because the Lord was with him, and whatever he did the Lord made it prosper.*

Col. 3:12-13 - *Therefore, as the chosen of God, holy & beloved, put on tender mercies, kindness, humility, meekness, longsuffering; bearing with one another, and forgiving one another;*

Could we say that "the Lord was with Joseph" = "the mercy of God to Joseph"?

20. Without God's mercy (forgiveness, compassion, & acceptance) in our lives:

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| a. Could we find favor with the authorities over us? | ___Yes ___No |
| b. Could we successfully handle authority over others? | ___Yes ___No |
| c. Could a holy God actually help me to prosper in life? | ___Yes ___No |
| d. Could I have ever been chosen by God? | ___Yes ___No |
| e. Could I bring myself to forgive others? | ___Yes ___No |

Because of God's mercy in your life, you can eagerly present yourself to Him. You can share that we are never disqualified from God's loving hug & embrace.