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."

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."

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The devil only wants to keep us forever <u>controlled</u> & enslaved by sin.

The Holy God only wants to keep us <u>connected</u> with Him together to enjoy us.

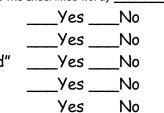
Get this!! "Compassion" = "com"+"passion" = "together"+"suffer" = "to suffer together". For a holy God & a sinful man to suffer together; that's mercy.

Now to blow you away!!

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

- Psalm 139:13-14 For You formed my inward parts; You covered me in my mother's <u>womb</u>. 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 <u>womb</u>? 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.
 - 6. God's mercy provides us with protection.
 - 7. God's mercy = "all things work together for good" ____
 - 8. God's mercy promises that He will not forget us
 - 9. God's mercy reminds us of His daily presence.

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?



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

Remember! "Mercy" = <u>not</u> giving us what we deserve.

God does have 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 the	at mercy and tr	uth work togethe	er; bind them around your nea	k, write them on the tablet of
	your heart, and	so find favor a	nd high esteem i	in the sight of God and man.	

- 11. Describe someone who knows they have received mercy? (Match the verse & items)
 - a. They know where they came from.
 - 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

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?YesNo
14. Is it possible for us to "live or do justly"?	YesNo
15. Is it possible for us to "love mercy & show it"?	YesNo
16. Is it possible for us to "walk humbly"?	YesNo

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?			This is Mercy!!
19. Is it possible for us to "walk humbly" with our God"	Yes	_No	

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:

- a. Could we find favor with the authorities over us?
- b. Could we successfully handle authority ove
- c. Could a holy God actually help me to prospe
- d. Could I have ever been chosen by God?
- e. Could I bring myself to forgive others?

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

er others?	Yes	No
er in life?	Yes	No
	Yes	No

Yes No

____ High esteem in the sight of God

- Yes No

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.