



III. The Cry of Mercy (Regardless of whether we identify with it, the truth of our need for mercy is universal and undeniable.)

- A. Matthew 9:27 And when Jesus departed thence, two blind men followed him, crying, and saying, You Son of David, have mercy on us.
- B. Matthew 15:22 And, behold, a woman of Canaan came out of the same coasts, and cried unto him, saying, Have mercy on me, O Lord, You Son of David; my daughter is grievously vexed with a devil.
- C. Matthew 17:14-15 And when they were come to the multitude, there came to him a certain man, kneeling down to him, and saying, (15) Lord, have mercy on my son: for he is lunatic, and sore vexed: for oftentimes he falls into the fire, and oft into the water.
- D. Matthew 20:30-31 And, behold, two blind men sitting by the way side, when they heard that Jesus passed by, cried out, saying, Have mercy on us, O Lord, You Son of David. (31) And the multitude rebuked them, because they should hold their peace: but they cried the more, saying, Have mercy on us, O Lord, You Son of David.



E. Mark 10:46-52 And they came to Jericho: and as he went out of Jericho with his disciples and a great number of people, blind Bartimaeus, the son of Timaeus, sat by the highway side begging. (47) And when he heard that it was Jesus of Nazareth, he began to cry out, and say, Jesus, You Son of David, have mercy on me. (48) And many charged him that he should hold his peace: but he cried the more a great deal, You Son of David, have mercy on me. (49) And Jesus stood still, and commanded him to be called. And they call the blind man, saying unto him, Be of good comfort, rise; he calls thee. (50) And he, casting away his garment, rose, and came to Jesus. (51) And Jesus answered and said unto him, What do you want me to do for you? The blind man said unto him, Lord, that I might receive my sight. (52) And Jesus said unto him, Go your way; your faith has made you whole. And immediately he received his sight, and followed Jesus in the way.

F. Luke 17:12-13 And as he entered into a certain village, there met him ten men that were lepers, which stood afar off: (13) And they lifted up their voices, and said, Jesus, Master, have mercy on us.



IV. The rejection of mercy

A. Isaiah 66:1-4 Thus says the LORD, The heaven *is* my throne, and the earth *is* my footstool: where *is* the house that you build unto me? and where *is* the place of my rest? (2) For all those *things* has mine hand made, and all those *things* have been, says the LORD: but to this *man* will I look, *even to him that is* poor and of a contrite spirit, and trembles at my word. (3) He that kills an ox *is as if* he slew a man; he that sacrifices a lamb, *as if* he cut off a dog's neck; he that offers an oblation, *as if he offered* swine's blood; he that burns incense, *as if* he blessed an idol. Yea, they have chosen their own ways, and their soul delights in their abominations. (4) I also will choose their delusions, and will bring their fears upon them; because when I called, none did answer; when I spoke, they did not hear: but they did evil before mine eyes, and chose *that* in which I delighted not. (Psalm 51:16-17 For you desire not sacrifice; else would I give *it*: you delight not in burnt offering. (17) The sacrifices of God *are* a broken spirit: a broken and a contrite heart, O God, you wilt not despise.)



B. Psalm 109:14-31 Let the iniquity of his fathers be remembered with the LORD; and let not the sin of his mother be blotted out. (15) Let them be before the LORD continually, that he may cut off the memory of them from the earth. (16) Because that he remembered not to show mercy, but persecuted the poor and needy man, that he might even slay the broken in heart. (17) As he loved cursing, so let it come unto him: as he delighted not in blessing, so let it be far from him. (18) As he clothed himself with cursing like as with his garment, so let it come into his bowels like water, and like oil into his bones. (19) Let it be unto him as the garment *which* covers him, and for a girdle wherewith he is girded continually. (20) *Let this be* the reward of mine adversaries from the LORD, and of them that speak evil against my soul. (21) But do for me, O GOD the Lord, for your name's sake: because your mercy *is* good, deliver you me. (22) For I *am* poor and needy, and my heart is wounded within me. (23) I am gone like the shadow when it declines: I am tossed up and down as the locust. (24) My knees are weak through fasting; and my flesh fails of fatness. (25) I became also a reproach unto them: *when* they looked upon me they shook their heads. (26) Help me, O LORD my God: O save me according to your mercy: (27) That they may know that this *is* your hand; *that* you, LORD, hast done it. (28) Let them curse, but bless thou: when they arise, let them be ashamed; but let your servant rejoice. (29) Let mine adversaries be clothed with shame, and let them cover themselves with their own confusion, as with a mantle. (30) I will greatly praise the LORD with my mouth; yea, I will praise him among the multitude. (31) For he shall stand at the right hand of the poor, to save *him* from those that condemn his soul.



- C. Isaiah 47:6 I was wroth with my people, I have polluted mine inheritance, and given them into your hand: You showed them no mercy; upon the ancient have You very heavily laid your yoke.
- D. Matthew 9:10-13 And it came to pass, as Jesus sat at meat in the house, behold, many publicans and sinners came and sat down with him and his disciples. (11) And when the Pharisees saw it, they said unto his disciples, Why does your Master eat with publicans and sinners? (12) But when Jesus heard that, he said unto them, They that be whole need not a physician, but they that are sick. (13) But go you and learn what that means, I will have mercy, and not sacrifice: for I am not come to call the righteous, but sinners to repentance.
- E. Psalm 69:19-20 you hast known my reproach, and my shame, and my dishonor: mine adversaries *are* all before thee. (20) Reproach has broken my heart; and I am full of heaviness: and I looked *for some* to take pity, but *there was* none; and for comforters, but I found none.



F. Hosea 4:1 Hear the word of the LORD, you children of Israel: for the LORD has a controversy with the inhabitants of the land, because there is no truth, nor mercy, nor knowledge of God in the land.

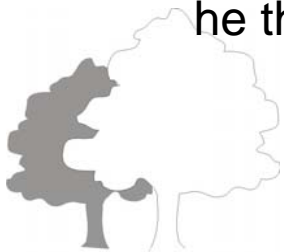
Hosea 6:1-10 Come, and let us return unto the LORD: for he has torn, and he will heal us; he has smitten, and he will bind us up. (2) After two days will he revive us: in the third day he will raise us up, and we shall live in his sight. (3) Then shall we know, if we follow on to know the LORD: his going forth is prepared as the morning; and he shall come unto us as the rain, as the latter and former rain unto the earth. (4) O Ephraim, what shall I do unto thee? O Judah, what shall I do unto thee? for your goodness is as a morning cloud, and as the early dew it goes away. (5) Therefore have I hewed them by the prophets; I have slain them by the words of my mouth: and your judgments are as the light that goes forth. (6) For I desired mercy, and not sacrifice; and the knowledge of God more than burnt offerings. (7) But they like men have transgressed the covenant: there have they dealt treacherously against me. (8) Gilead is a city of them that work iniquity, and is polluted with blood. (9) And as troops of robbers wait for a man, so the company of priests murder in the way by consent: for they commit lewdness. (10) I have seen an horrible thing in the house of Israel: there is the whoredom of Ephraim, Israel is defiled.



F. Micah 6:4-8 For I brought you up out of the land of Egypt, and redeemed you out of the house of servants; and I sent before you Moses, Aaron, and Miriam. (5) O my people, remember now what Balak king of Moab consulted, and what Balaam the son of Beor answered him from Shittim unto Gilgal; that you may know the righteousness of the LORD. (6) Wherewith shall I come before the LORD, and bow myself before the high God? shall I come before him with burnt offerings, with calves of a year old? (7) Will the LORD be pleased with thousands of rams, or with ten thousands of rivers of oil? shall I give my firstborn for my transgression, the fruit of my body for the sin of my soul? (8) He has showed thee, O man, what is good; and what doth the LORD require of thee, but to do justly, and to love mercy, and to walk humbly with your God?



- G. Zechariah 7:7-12 Should you not hear the words which the LORD has cried by the former prophets, when Jerusalem was inhabited and in prosperity, and the cities thereof round about her, when men inhabited the south and the plain? (8) And the word of the LORD came unto Zechariah, saying, (9) Thus speaks the LORD of hosts, saying, Execute true judgment, and show mercy and compassions every man to his brother: (10) And oppress not the widow, nor the fatherless, the stranger, nor the poor; and let none of you imagine evil against his brother in your heart. (11) But they refused to hearken, and pulled away the shoulder, and stopped their ears, that they should not hear. (12) Yes, they made their hearts as an adamant stone, lest they should hear the law, and the words which the LORD of hosts has sent in his spirit by the former prophets: therefore came a great wrath from the LORD of hosts.
- H. Matthew 12:7 But if you had known what this means, I will have mercy, and not sacrifice, you would not have condemned the guiltless.
- I. Proverbs 14:31 He that oppresses the poor reproaches his Maker: but he that honors him has mercy on the poor.



V. The analogy of God's Mercy

A. His mercy brings us to His home

1. Psalm 23:6 Surely goodness and mercy shall follow me all the days of my life: and I will dwell in the house of the LORD for ever.

B. His mercy gives us joy

1. Psalm 90:14 O satisfy us early with your mercy; that we may rejoice and be glad all our days.

C. His mercy blots out our sins

1. Psalm 51:1 Have mercy upon me, O God, according to your lovingkindness: according unto the multitude of your tender mercies blot out my transgressions.

a. What is true love?

1 Peter 4:8 And above all things have fervent love among yourselves: for love shall cover the multitude of sins.

2.) Proverbs 10:12 Hatred stirs up strife: but love covers all sins.

3.) Proverbs 15:17 Better *is* a dinner of herbs where love is, than a stalled ox and hatred therewith.

4.) Proverbs 17:9 He that covers a transgression seeks love; but he that repeats a matter separates best friends.



D. His mercy lifts us up

1. Psalm 94:18 When I said, My foot slips; your mercy, O LORD, held me up.



VI. The application of mercy

A. Demonstrates life

Proverbs 16:6-28 By mercy and truth iniquity is purged: and by the fear of the LORD *men* depart from evil. (7) When a man's ways please the LORD, he makes even his enemies to be at peace with him. (8) Better *is* a little with righteousness than great revenues without right. (9) A man's heart devises his way: but the LORD directs his steps. (10) A divine sentence *is* in the lips of the king: his mouth transgresses not in judgment. (11) A just weight and balance *are* the LORD'S: all the weights of the bag *are* his work. (12) *It is* an abomination to kings to commit wickedness: for the throne is established by righteousness. (13) Righteous lips *are* the delight of kings; and they love him that speaks right. (14) The wrath of a king *is* as messengers of death: but a wise man will pacify it. (15) In the light of the king's countenance *is* life; and his favor *is* as a cloud of the latter rain. (16) How much better *is it* to get wisdom than gold! and to get understanding rather to be chosen than silver! (17) The highway of the upright *is* to depart from evil: he that keeps his way preserves his soul. (18) Pride *goes* before destruction, and an haughty spirit before a fall.



(19) Better *it is to be* of an humble spirit with the lowly, than to divide the spoil with the proud. (20) He that handles a matter wisely shall find good: and whoso trusts in the LORD, happy *is* he. (21) The wise in heart shall be called prudent: and the sweetness of the lips increases learning. (22) Understanding *is* a wellspring of life unto him that has it: but the instruction of fools *is* folly. (23) The heart of the wise teaches his mouth, and adds learning to his lips. (24) Pleasant words *are as* an honeycomb, sweet to the soul, and health to the bones. (25) There is a way that seems right unto a man, but the end thereof the ways of death. (26) He that labors labors for himself; for his mouth craves it of him. (27) An ungodly man digs up evil: and in his lips *there is* as a burning fire. (28) A froward man sows strife: and a whisperer separates chief friends.



B. Finds favor

1. Proverbs 3:3-4 Let not mercy and truth forsake thee: bind them about your neck; write them upon the table of your heart: (4) So shall You find favor and good understanding in the sight of God and man.

C. Brings tranquility

1. Daniel 4:27 Wherefore, O king, let my counsel be acceptable unto thee, and break off your sins by righteousness, and your iniquities by showing mercy to the poor; if it may be a lengthening of your tranquility.

D. Brings happiness

1. Proverbs 14:20-22 The poor is hated even of his own neighbor: but the rich has many friends. (21) He that despises his neighbor sins: but he that has mercy on the poor, happy is he. (22) Do they not err that devise evil? but mercy and truth shall be to them that devise good.



E. Preserves us

1. Proverbs 20:28 Mercy and truth preserve the king: and his throne is upheld by mercy.

F. Obtains mercy

1. Matthew 5:7 Blessed are the merciful: for they shall obtain mercy.

G. Lightens the world

1. Philippians 2:14-15 Do all things without murmurings and disputings: (15) That you may be blameless and harmless, the sons of God, without rebuke, in the midst of a crooked and perverse nation, among whom you shine as lights in the world;
2. Matthew 5:14-16 you are the light of the world. A city that is set on an hill cannot be hid. (15) Neither do men light a candle, and put it under a bushel, but on a candlestick; and it gives light unto all that are in the house. (16) Let your light so shine before men, that they may see your good works, and glorify your Father which is in heaven.



VII. Examples of Mercy

- A. Luke 10:30-37 And Jesus answering said, A certain man went down from Jerusalem to Jericho, and fell among thieves, which stripped him of his raiment, and wounded him, and departed, leaving him half dead. (31) And by chance there came down a certain priest that way: and when he saw him, he passed by on the other side. (32) And likewise a Levite, when he was at the place, came and looked on him, and passed by on the other side. (33) But a certain Samaritan, as he journeyed, came where he was: and when he saw him, he had compassion on him, (34) And went to him, and bound up his wounds, pouring in oil and wine, and set him on his own beast, and brought him to an inn, and took care of him. (35) And on the morrow when he departed, he took out two pence, and gave them to the host, and said unto him, Take care of him; and whatsoever You spend more, when I come again, I will repay thee. (36) Which now of these three, think You, was neighbor unto him that fell among the thieves? (37) And he said, He that showed mercy on him. Then said Jesus unto him, Go, and do You likewise.



B. James 2:1-13 My brethren, have not the faith of our Lord Jesus Christ, *the Lord* of glory, with respect of persons. (2) For if there come unto your assembly a man with a gold ring, in goodly apparel, and there come in also a poor man in vile raiment; (3) And you have respect to him that wears the fine clothing, and say unto him, Sit you here in a good place; and say to the poor, Stand you there, or sit here under my footstool: (4) Are you not then partial in yourselves, and are become judges of evil thoughts? (5) Hearken, my beloved brethren, has not God chosen the poor of this world rich in faith, and heirs of the kingdom which he has promised to them that love him? (6) But you have despised the poor. Do not rich men oppress you, and draw you before the judgment seats? (7) Do not they blaspheme that worthy name by which you are called? (8) If you fulfill the royal law according to the scripture, you shall love your neighbor as your self, you do well: (9) But if you have respect to persons, you commit sin, and are convinced of the law as transgressors. (10) For whosoever shall keep the whole law, and yet offend in one *point*, he is guilty of all. (11) For he that said, Do not commit adultery, said also, Do not kill. Now if you commit no adultery, yet if you kill, you art become a transgressor of the law. (12) So should you speak, and so do, as they that shall be judged by the law of liberty. (13) For he shall have judgment without mercy, that has showed no mercy; and mercy rejoices against judgment.

