

# Have Mercy 2

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What is God's mercy?

- It is God's desire to treat you better than you deserve!
- Mercy expects good from the hand of God ALWAYS!

Do you expect good from God ALWAYS?

Mercy is best defined in action, rather than in word

## WOMAN CAUGHT IN ADULTERY

**John 8:9-11** – <sup>9</sup> At this, those who heard began to go away one at a time, the older ones first, until only Jesus was left, with the woman still standing there. <sup>10</sup> Jesus straightened up and asked her, "Woman, where are they? Has no one condemned you?" <sup>11</sup> "No one, sir," she said. "Then **neither do I condemn you,**" Jesus declared. "Go now and leave your life of sin."

**The mercy of God is a never ending door to the resources of Heaven.**

**Hebrews 4:16** - Let us therefore **come boldly** to the throne of grace, that we may **obtain mercy** and find grace to help in time of need.

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**Queen Esther is an example of obtaining mercy before you find grace to help in the time of need.**

**Esther 4:11** - "All the king's officials and the people of the royal provinces know that for any man or woman who approaches the king in the inner court without **being summoned** the king has but one law: that he be put to death. The only exception to this is for the king to **extend the gold scepter** to him and spare his life. But **thirty days have passed** since I was called to go to the king."

**What is the measure of His mercy?**

**Ephesians 2:4** - But God, who is **rich in mercy**, because of His great love with which He loved us,

**Psalm 136:1** - Oh, give thanks to the LORD, for He is good! For **His mercy endures forever**.

**26 times in 26 verses it declares, "HIS MERCY ENDURES FOREVER!"**

**God's Mercy endures forever – It is inexhaustible**

**Hebrews 4:14-16** – <sup>14</sup> Seeing then that we have a great High Priest who has passed through the heavens, Jesus the Son of God, let us hold fast our confession. <sup>15</sup> For we do not have a High Priest who cannot sympathize with our weaknesses, but was in all points tempted as we are, yet without sin. <sup>16</sup> Let us therefore **come boldly** to the **throne of grace** (favor without merit), that we may obtain **mercy** and find **grace** (favor without merit) to help in time of need.

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**Matthew 15:22-28** – <sup>22</sup> And behold, a woman of Canaan came from that region and cried out to Him, saying, "**Have mercy on me**, O Lord, Son of David! My daughter is severely demon-possessed." <sup>23</sup> But He answered her not a word. And His disciples came and urged Him, saying, "Send her away, for she cries out after us." <sup>24</sup> But He answered and said, "I was not sent except to the lost sheep of the house of Israel." <sup>25</sup> Then she came and worshiped Him, saying, "Lord, help me!" <sup>26</sup> But He answered and said, "It is not good to take the children's bread and throw it to the little dogs." <sup>27</sup> And she said, "Yes, Lord, yet even the little dogs eat the crumbs which fall from their masters' table." <sup>28</sup> Then Jesus answered and said to her, "O woman, **great is your faith!** Let it be to you as you desire." And her daughter was healed from that very hour.

**Her expectation to receive was directly connected to her belief that Jesus would treat her better than she deserved.**

**Matthew 20:30-34** – <sup>30</sup> And behold, two blind men sitting by the road, when they heard that Jesus was passing by, cried out, saying, "**Have mercy on us**, O Lord, Son of David!" <sup>31</sup> Then the multitude warned them that they should be quiet; but they cried out all the more, saying, "**Have mercy on us**, O Lord, Son of David!" <sup>32</sup> So Jesus stood still and called them, and said, "What do **you want** Me to do **for you?**" <sup>33</sup> They said to Him, "Lord, that our eyes may be opened." <sup>34</sup> So Jesus had compassion and touched their eyes. And immediately their eyes received sight, and they followed Him.

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**The picture we see is us coming from the outside and making our way to the throne of God.**

## YOU ARE ALREADY THERE, IN CHRIST!

**Ephesians 2:4-7** – <sup>4</sup> But God, who is **rich in mercy**, because of His great love with which He loved us, <sup>5</sup> even when we were dead in trespasses, made us alive together with Christ (by grace you have been saved), <sup>6</sup> and raised us up together, and made us **sit together** in the heavenly places in Christ Jesus, <sup>7</sup> that in the ages to come He might show the exceeding riches of His grace in His kindness toward us in Christ Jesus.