

# Have Mercy 5

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**Luke 18:9-14** – <sup>9</sup> To some who were confident of their own righteousness and looked down on everybody else, Jesus told this parable: <sup>10</sup> "Two men went up to the temple to pray, one a Pharisee and the other a tax collector. <sup>11</sup> The Pharisee stood up and prayed about and with himself: 'God, I thank you that I am not like other men-robbers, evildoers, adulterers-or even like this tax collector. <sup>12</sup> I fast twice a week and give a tenth of all I get.' <sup>13</sup> "But the tax collector stood at a distance. He would not even look up to heaven, but beat his breast and said, 'God, have mercy on me, a sinner.' <sup>14</sup> "I tell you that this man, rather than the other, went home justified before God. For everyone who exalts himself will be humbled, and he who humbles himself will be exalted."

The humble prayer to receive mercy is a short prayer.

Humility receives and embraces the mercy of God!

**Pride rejects the mercy of God and replaces it with:**

- Self righteousness
- Penance
- Exalting the sin greater than the mercy

Mercy must be received.

**Example: Judas and Peter both fell and responded differently to the mercy of God. Peter received mercy, saw a future and fulfilled his purpose.**

**Luke 22:54-62** – <sup>54</sup> Then seizing Jesus, they led him away and took him into the house of the high priest. Peter followed at a distance. <sup>55</sup> But when they had kindled a fire in the middle of the courtyard and had sat down together, Peter sat down with them. <sup>56</sup> A servant girl saw him seated there in the firelight. She looked closely at him and said, "This man was with him." <sup>57</sup> But he denied it. "Woman, I don't know him," he said. <sup>58</sup> A little later someone else saw him and said, "You also are one of them." "Man, I am not!" Peter replied. <sup>59</sup> About an hour later another asserted, "Certainly this fellow was with him, for he is a Galilean." <sup>60</sup> Peter replied, "Man, I don't know what you're talking about!" Just as he was speaking, the rooster crowed. <sup>61</sup> **The Lord turned and looked straight at Peter.** Then Peter remembered the word the Lord had spoken to him: "Before the rooster crows today, you will disown me three times." <sup>62</sup> And he went outside and **wept bitterly.**

**Mark 16:6-7** – <sup>6</sup> "Don't be alarmed," he said. "You are looking for Jesus the Nazarene, who was crucified. He has risen! He is not here. See the place where they laid him. <sup>7</sup>

But go, tell his disciples **and Peter**, 'He is going ahead of you into Galilee. There you will see him, just as he told you.'

Judas rejected mercy, saw no future, punished himself, and ended his purpose.

**Matthew 27:1-5** – <sup>1</sup> Early in the morning, all the chief priests and the elders of the people came to the decision to put Jesus to death. <sup>2</sup> They bound him, led him away and handed him over to Pilate, the governor. <sup>3</sup> When Judas, who had betrayed him, saw that Jesus was condemned, he was **seized with remorse** and returned the thirty silver coins to the chief priests and the elders. <sup>4</sup> "**I have sinned**," he said, "for I have betrayed innocent blood." "What is that to us?" they replied. "That's your responsibility." <sup>5</sup> So Judas threw the money into the temple and left. **Then he went away and hanged himself.**

Judas was sorry for his actions and rejected the money, but never received mercy.

**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.

**1 Peter 2:10** - Once you were not a people, but now you are the people of God; once you had not received mercy, but now you have received mercy.

**Jesus said:**

**Matthew 5:7** - Blessed are the merciful, for they will be shown mercy.

**Luke 12:48** - From everyone who has been given much, much will be demanded; and from the one who has been entrusted with much, much more will be asked.

**Matthew 5:44-45** – <sup>44</sup> But I say to you, love your enemies, bless those who curse you, do good to those who hate you, and pray for those who spitefully use you and persecute you, <sup>45</sup> that you may be sons of your Father in heaven; for He makes His sun rise on the evil and on the good, and sends rain on the just and on the unjust.