



Attributes of the Almighty

“His Almighty Mercy”

Psalm 103:1-11

I. THE MEANING OF MERCY

The Meaning of Mercy: An outward expression of pity shown by one who can meet the need.

A. MERCY IS AN OUTWARD EXPRESSION OF PITY (PSALM 103:8)

Deuteronomy 4:29-31, “²⁹ But if from thence thou shalt seek the LORD thy God, thou shalt find him, if thou seek him with all thy heart and with all thy soul. ³⁰ When thou art in tribulation, and all these things are come upon thee, even in the latter days, if thou turn to the LORD thy God, and shalt be obedient unto his voice; ³¹ (For the LORD thy God is a merciful God;) he will not forsake thee, neither destroy thee, nor forget the covenant of thy fathers which he sware unto them.”

B. MERCY IS SHOWN BY ONE WHO CAN MEET THE NEED

Ephesians 2:4, “But God, who is rich in mercy, for his great love wherewith he loved us,”

II Corinthians 1:3, “Blessed be God, even the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, the Father of mercies, and the God of all comfort;”

II. THE MANIFESTATION OF MERCY

A. MERCY IS MANIFESTED TO A PERSON IN NEED

Mark 10:46-52, “⁴⁶ 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, thou 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, Thou 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 calleth thee. ⁵⁰ And he, casting away his garment, rose, and came to Jesus. ⁵¹ And Jesus answered and said unto him, What wilt thou that I should do unto thee? The blind man said unto him, Lord, that I might receive my sight. ⁵² And Jesus said unto him, Go thy way; thy faith hath made thee whole. And immediately he received his sight, and followed Jesus in the way.”

B. MERCY IS MANIFESTED THROUGH PRAYER (PSALM 103:11)

Many of the references to ‘mercy’ are associated with a call for mercy!

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

C. MERCY IS MANIFESTED AS IT BRINGS PEACE (PSALM 103:10-12)

The Manifestation of Mercy: Mercy is manifested to a person in need who calls upon the Lord and His mercy brings peace.

III. THE MISSION OF GOD'S MERCY

A. TO SAVE FROM SIN

Titus 3:4-5, “⁴ But after that the kindness and love of God our Saviour toward man appeared, ⁵ Not by works of righteousness which we have done, but according to his mercy he saved us, by the washing of regeneration, and renewing of the Holy Ghost;”

1. Not Works
2. By Mercy

Salvation is not earned by what we do, but it is a gift because of what He has already done on Calvary.

B. TO GIVE NEW LIFE

Ephesians chapter 2 begins on a depressing note. If you truly understand the first three verses of Ephesians chapter 2, it tells us that we are as dead men walking.

Ephesians 2:4-5, “⁴ But God, who is rich in mercy, for his great love wherewith he loved us, ⁵ Even when we were dead in sins, hath quickened (brought to life) us together with Christ, (by grace ye are saved);”

II Corinthians 5:17, “Therefore if any man be in Christ, he is a new creature: old things are passed away; behold, all things are become new.”

C. TO REMOVE GUILT (PSALM 103:10-11)

God’s mercy and forgiveness are companions. A person, who is saved from sin, receives forgiveness of sin and the guilt of that sin should no longer bind us when we realize how great God’s mercy really is.

CONCLUSION: In Exodus 25, God instructed Moses to make a very special piece of furniture for the Tabernacle. It was covered in gold with an angelic likeness on each side. This particular piece was placed above the Ark of the Covenant. And once a year, the high priest, on Yom Kippur, the Day of Atonement, would sprinkle blood there as a sacrifice for sin! It was called the Mercy Seat.

Later in history, God sent His Son, Jesus Christ, the Messiah to be born of a virgin, to live a perfect sinless life for 33½ years and then to shed His blood for you and I. Romans 3:25 gives a word to describe His act of sacrifice. It says He became our **Propitiation** – which means our Mercy Seat!