

God's Enduring Mercies

With God there are endless possibilities. There is an endless mercy, an endless grace, an endless forgiveness, and more. God is a God who lives forever, forgives continually, and extends mercy to us all. It's not like we deserve His mercy, His grace, or His compassion. And we certainly cannot afford to buy it. God purposely gave it to us for *free*! In giving these things, God is stating our worth to Him. He is a benevolent Father who loves to give to His children, and He knew that we would need His mercy.

I'm assuming, that like me, you have messed up again, and again. And probably you have criticized yourself for messing up and then doing it again. And you may have messed up and hated yourself for it. But no matter how many times you've messed up and tried to do better, you must know that God has seen your effort. God knows you. He knows your name. And He knew you before you were born. Therefore, He knew when and how many times you were going to mess up. Yet He still chose to forgive you before you could ask because He loves you so. While in your mess, He chose to take care of you until you could know who He is. It's because of His goodness and mercy that you have come this far. But God now wants you to know Him even deeper and in all His goodness. He is ready for you to see how good and merciful He is. Listen at just a few verses of God's Word about His mercy.

"And the LORD passed by before him, and proclaimed, The LORD, The LORD God, merciful and gracious, longsuffering, and abundant in goodness and truth, keeping mercy for thousands, forgiving iniquity and transgression and sin..." (Exodus 34:6-7). Here is where God defines Himself to Moses and what did He say? He said He is merciful, abundant in goodness, keeps mercy for thousands, and forgives them. What a God!

Jeremiah said, *"It is of the LORD'S mercies that we are not consumed, because his compassions fail not. They are new every morning: great is thy faithfulness"* (Lamentations 3:22-23). Even Jeremiah noted how God extends new mercies and compassions every day. God is always faithful to stand with us when we have failed and are yet to repent.

David sang, *"Oh give thanks to the LORD, for he is good; for his mercy endures forever!"* (Psalm 118:1). David knew that his life would be worthless without God's mercies and abundant goodness. When you really realize the abundance of God's goodness and mercies towards you, I believe that you will explode in praise because God accepts you for who you are, no matter what you have done. What a God!

Honestly God already knows you and your messes; He just wants you to come and trust Him to fix it. How many times has His mercies got you out of trouble? The God of endless impossibilities was there all along taking care of you. And because of your worth God had to shower His abundance of goodness and mercy over you!

Daddy God,

Thank you for loving them right where they are. They may be a hot mess, but they are yours. You know exactly how to love them. Your grace is extending over them right now and your mercy towards them is enduring. I pray that they learn to trust in you. May they believe that you are still waiting with arms wide open, despite their mess-ups. Your love for them endures forever, and your mercies are renewed over them daily. You are the author of their soul who desires to fill them with joy beyond measure and love without end when they come to you. May their prayer be... *"Let your mercies come also unto me, O LORD, even your salvation, according to your word"* (Psalm 119:41). Yes, and amen!

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