

Mercy is one of Jehovah's most appealing qualities, and it is one that each of us needs to cultivate. In this article, we will examine why Jehovah shows mercy, why we can say that his discipline is merciful, and how we can show this beautiful quality.

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Paragraph 1

(Luke 10:29-37) But wanting to prove himself righteous, the man said to Jesus: “Who really is my neighbor?” 30 In reply Jesus said: “A man was going down from Jerusalem to Jer'i-cho and fell victim to robbers, who stripped him, beat him, and went off, leaving him half-dead. 31 Now by coincidence a priest was going down on that road, but when he saw him, he passed by on the opposite side. 32 Likewise, a Levite, when he came to the place and saw him, passed by on the opposite side. 33 But a certain Sa-mar'i-tan traveling the road came upon him, and at seeing him, he was moved with pity. 34 So he approached him and bandaged his wounds, pouring oil and wine on them. Then he mounted him on his own animal and brought him to an inn and took care of him. 35 The next day he took out two de-nar'i-i, gave them to the innkeeper, and said: ‘Take care of him, and whatever you spend besides this, I will repay you when I return.’ 36 Who of these three seems to you to have made himself neighbor to the man who fell victim to the robbers?” 37 He said: “The one who acted mercifully toward him.” Jesus then said to him: “Go and do the same yourself.”

Paragraph 2

(Psalm 103:10) He has not dealt with us according to our sins, Nor has he repaid us what our errors deserve.

Paragraph 4

(Ephesians 2:4-7) But God, being rich in mercy, because of his great love with which he loved us, 5 made us alive together with the Christ, even when we were dead in trespasses—by undeserved kindness you have been saved. 6 Moreover, he raised us up together and seated us together in the heavenly places in union with Christ Jesus, 7 so that in the coming systems of things he might demonstrate the surpassing riches of his undeserved kindness in his graciousness toward us in union with Christ Jesus.

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Paragraph 5

(Proverbs 8:30, 31) Then I was beside him as a master worker. I was the one he was especially fond of day by day; I rejoiced before him all the time; 31 I rejoiced over his habitable earth, And I was especially fond of the sons of men.

(Psalm 78:37-42) Their heart was not steadfast toward him; And they were not faithful to his covenant. 38 But he was merciful; He would forgive their error and not bring them to ruin. He often held back his anger Instead of stirring up all his wrath. 39 For he remembered that they were flesh, A wind that blows past and does not return. 40 How often they rebelled against him in the wilderness And made him feel hurt in the desert! 41 Again and again they put God to the test, And they grieved the Holy One of Israel. 42 They did not remember his power, The day that he rescued them from the adversary,

Paragraph 6

(Luke 15:13) A few days later, the younger son gathered all his things together and traveled to a distant country and there squandered his property by living a debauched life.

(Luke 15:17-24) "When he came to his senses, he said, 'How many of my father's hired men have more than enough bread, while I am dying here from hunger! 18 I will get up and travel to my father and say to him: "Father, I have sinned against heaven and against you. 19 I am no longer worthy of being called your son. Make me as one of your hired men."' 20 So he got up and went to his father. While he was still a long way off, his father caught sight of him and was moved with pity, and he ran and embraced him and tenderly kissed him. 21 Then the son said to him, 'Father, I have sinned against heaven and against you. I am no longer worthy of being called your son.' 22 But the father said to his slaves, 'Quick! bring out a robe, the best one, and clothe him with it, and put a ring on his hand and sandals on his feet. 23 Also bring the fattened calf, slaughter it, and let us eat and celebrate, 24 for this son of mine was dead but has come to life again; he was lost and has been found.' And they started to enjoy themselves.

Paragraph 7

(James 3:17) But the wisdom from above is first of all pure, then peaceable, reasonable, ready to obey, full of mercy and good fruits, impartial, not hypocritical.

(Psalm 103:13) As a father shows mercy to his sons, Jehovah has shown mercy to those who fear him.

(Isaiah 49:15) Can a woman forget her nursing child Or have no compassion for the son of her womb? Even if these women forget, I would never forget you.

Paragraph 8

(1 Corinthians 5:11) But now I am writing you to stop keeping company with anyone called a brother who is sexually immoral or a greedy person or an idolater or a reviler or a drunkard or an extortioner, not even eating with such a man.

Paragraph 9

(Proverbs 13:24) Whoever holds back his rod hates his son, But the one who loves him disciplines him diligently.

(Hebrews 12:5, 6) And you have entirely forgotten the exhortation that addresses you as sons: "My son, do not belittle the discipline from Jehovah, nor give up when you are corrected by him; 6 for those whom Jehovah loves he disciplines, in fact, he scourges everyone whom he receives as a son."

Paragraph 10

(Leviticus 13:3, 4) The priest will examine the infection on his skin. When the hair in the infection has turned white and the appearance of the infection is deeper than the skin, it is the disease of leprosy. The priest will examine it and declare him unclean. 4 But if the blotch on his skin is white and its appearance is not deeper than the skin and the hair has not turned white, the priest will then quarantine the infected person for seven days.

Paragraph 11

(James 5:14) Is there anyone sick among you? Let him call the elders of the congregation to him, and let them pray over him, applying oil to him in the name of Jehovah.

Paragraph 12

(Jeremiah 30:11) "For I am with you," declares Jehovah, "to save you. But I will make an extermination among all the nations to which I scattered you; However, you I will not exterminate. I will discipline you to the proper degree, And I will by no means leave you unpunished."

Paragraph 13

(Leviticus 20:11) A man who lies down with his father's wife has exposed his father to shame. Both of them should be put to death without fail. Their own blood is upon them.

(1 Corinthians 5:1, 2) Actually sexual immorality is reported among you, and such immorality as is not even found among the nations—of a man living with his father's wife. 2 And are you proud of it? Should you not rather mourn, so that the man who committed this deed should be taken away from your midst?

(1 Corinthians 5:13) while God judges those outside? “Remove the wicked person from among yourselves.”

Paragraph 14

(2 Corinthians 2:5-8) Now if anyone has caused sadness, he has saddened, not me, but all of you to an extent—not to be too harsh in what I say. 6 This rebuke given by the majority is sufficient for such a man; 7 now you should instead kindly forgive and comfort him, so that he may not be overwhelmed by excessive sadness. 8 I therefore exhort you to confirm your love for him.

(2 Corinthians 2:11) so that we may not be overreached by Satan, for we are not ignorant of his designs.

Paragraph 16

(Proverbs 21:13) Whoever stops up his ear to the cry of the lowly one Will himself call and not be answered.

(James 2:13) For the one who does not practice mercy will have his judgment without mercy. Mercy triumphs over judgment.

Paragraph 17

(1 Samuel 24:9-12) David said to Saul: “Why do you listen to the words of men who say, ‘Look! David is seeking to harm you’? 10 This very day your own eyes have seen how Jehovah gave you into my hand in the cave. But when someone said to kill you, I had pity on you and said, ‘I will not lift my hand against my lord, for he is the anointed of Jehovah.’ 11 And look, my father, yes, see the edge of your sleeveless coat in my hand; for when I cut off the edge of your sleeveless coat, I did not kill you. You can now see and understand that I do not intend to harm you or to rebel, and I have not sinned against you, whereas you are hunting me down to take my life. 12 May Jehovah judge between you and me, and may Jehovah take vengeance on you for me, but my hand will not come against you.

(1 Samuel 24:18, 19) Yes, today you have told me of the good you did by not killing me when Jehovah surrendered me into your hand. 19 For what man finds his enemy and sends him on his way unharmed? Jehovah will reward you with good because of what you have done for me today.

Paragraph 18

(1 Samuel 25:9-22) So David's young men went and told all of this to Na'bal in David's name. When they finished, 10 Na'bal answered David's servants: “Who is David, and who is the son of Jes'se? Nowadays many servants are breaking away from their masters. 11 Do I have to take my bread and my water and the meat that I butchered for my shearers and give it to men who come from who knows where?” 12 At that David's young men returned and reported all these words to him. 13 David immediately said to his men: “Everyone strap on your sword!” So they all strapped on their swords, and David also strapped on his own sword, and about 400 men went up with David, while 200 men stayed with the baggage. 14 Meanwhile, one of the servants

reported to Ab'i·gail, Na'bal's wife: "Look! David sent messengers from the wilderness to wish our master well, but he screamed insults at them. 15 Those men were very good to us. They never harmed us, and we did not miss a single thing the whole time we were together with them in the fields. 16 They were like a protective wall around us, both by night and by day, the whole time we were with them shepherding the flock. 17 Now decide what you are going to do, for disaster has been determined against our master and against all his house, and he is such a worthless man that no one can speak to him." 18 So Ab'i·gail quickly took 200 loaves of bread, two large jars of wine, five dressed sheep, five seah measures of roasted grain, 100 cakes of raisins, and 200 cakes of pressed figs and put all of it on the donkeys. 19 Then she said to her servants: "Go on ahead of me; I will follow you." But she said nothing to her husband Na'bal. 20 While she was riding on the donkey and going down under cover of the mountain, just then David and his men were coming down toward her, and she met them. 21 Now David had been saying: "It was for nothing that I guarded everything that belongs to this fellow in the wilderness. Not a single thing belonging to him went missing, and yet he repays me evil for good. 22 May God do the same and more to the enemies of David if I allow a single male of his to survive until the morning."

(1 Samuel 25:32-35) At this David said to Ab'i·gail: "Praise Jehovah the God of Israel, who sent you this day to meet me! 33 And blessed be your good sense! May you be blessed for restraining me this day from incurring bloodguilt and from taking revenge with my own hands. 34 Otherwise, as surely as Jehovah the God of Israel who held me back from harming you is living, if you had not come quickly to meet me, by morning there would not have remained a single male belonging to Na'bal." 35 With that David accepted from her what she had brought him and said to her: "Go up in peace to your

house. See, I have listened to you, and I will grant your request."

Paragraph 19

(2 Samuel 12:1-6) So Jehovah sent Nathan to David. He came in to him and said: "There were two men in one city, the one rich and the other poor. 2 The rich man had very many sheep and cattle; 3 but the poor man had nothing but one small female lamb, which he had bought. He cared for it, and it grew up together with him and his sons. It would eat from the little food he had and drink from his cup and sleep in his arms. It became as a daughter to him. 4 Later a visitor came to the rich man, but he would not take any of his own sheep and cattle to prepare a meal for the traveler who had come to him. Instead, he took the poor man's lamb and prepared it for the man who had come to him." 5 At this David grew very angry against the man, and he said to Nathan: "As surely as Jehovah is living, the man who did this deserves to die! 6 And he should pay for the lamb four times over, because he did this and showed no compassion."

(Exodus 22:1) "If a man steals a bull or a sheep and he slaughters or sells it, he is to compensate with five bulls for the bull and four sheep for the sheep."

(2 Samuel 12:7-13) Then Nathan said to David: "You are the man! This is what Jehovah the God of Israel says: 'I myself anointed you as king over Israel, and I rescued you from the hand of Saul. 8 I was willing to give you your master's house and put your master's wives in your arms, and I gave you the house of Israel and of Judah. And as if that were not enough, I was willing to do much more for you. 9 Why did you despise the word of Jehovah by doing what is bad in his eyes? You struck down U·ri'ah the Hit'tite with the sword! Then you took his wife as your wife after you killed him by the sword of the Am'mon·ites. 10 Now a sword will never depart from your own house, because you despised me

by taking the wife of U·ri'ah the Hit'tite as your wife.' 11 This is what Jehovah says: 'Here I am bringing against you calamity from within your own house; and before your own eyes, I will take your wives and give them to another man, and he will lie down with your wives in broad daylight. 12 Although you acted in secret, I will do this in front of all Israel and in broad daylight.'" 13 David then said to Nathan: "I have sinned against Jehovah." Nathan replied to David: "Jehovah, in turn, forgives your sin. You will not die.

Paragraph 20

(Matthew 7:1, 2) "Stop judging that you may not be judged; 2 for with the judgment you are judging, you will be judged, and with the measure that you are measuring out, they will measure out to you.

Paragraph 21

(Job 29:12, 13) For I would rescue the poor who cried for help, Along with the fatherless child and anyone who had no helper. 13 The one about to perish would bless me, And I made the heart of the widow rejoice.

(Romans 10:14, 15) However, how will they call on him if they have not put faith in him? How, in turn, will they put faith in him about whom they have not heard? How, in turn, will they hear without someone to preach? 15 How, in turn, will they preach unless they have been sent out? Just as it is written: "How beautiful are the feet of those who declare good news of good things!"

(James 1:27) The form of worship that is clean and undefiled from the standpoint of our God and Father is this: to look after orphans and widows in their tribulation, and to keep oneself without spot from the world.