

God's

A pair of hands is shown from a top-down perspective, cupped together and holding a row of seven wooden blocks. Each block has a letter cut into it, and together they spell out the word "mercy" in a lowercase, serif font. The blocks are light-colored wood with some darker staining or wear. The hands are fair-skinned and appear to be of an older person. The background is a textured, brownish surface, possibly a book cover or a piece of fabric.

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**What we know to be true about God,
how we view Him
determines how we view us, the world, what
happens in the world**

• AW Tozer wrote :

**“What a person thinks about God is the most
important thing about that person”**

- “Incommunicable” = beyond description!!!

Attributes, things that **only God can have**

- “Communicable” = Communicable attributes of God are those that **humans can also possess.**

- [Exodus 34:6-7.](#)

“The Lord, the Lord God, merciful and gracious, longsuffering, and abounding in goodness and truth, keeping mercy for thousands, forgiving iniquity and transgression and sin ...”

- [Deuteronomy 7:9.](#)

“Therefore know that the Lord your God, He is God, the faithful God who keeps covenant and mercy for a thousand generations with those who love Him and keep His commandments ...”

- [Psalm 86:15.](#)

“But You, O Lord, are a God full of compassion, and gracious, longsuffering and abundant in mercy and truth.”

- [Micah 7:18-19.](#)

“Who is a God like You, pardoning iniquity and passing over the transgression of the remnant of His heritage? He does not retain His anger forever, because He delights in mercy.

- What is MERCY?

What is the biblical definition of mercy?

- Mercy appears in the Bible as it relates to **forgiveness or withholding punishment.**
- **kind and forgiving treatment of someone** (as a wrongdoer or an opponent)
- A kind sympathetic disposition : willingness to forgive, spare someone guilty...

- **MERCY and GRACE**

- Grace is God giving you a gift of salvation that you don't deserve

- Mercy is God not giving you the punishment you do deserve

- **First = Theology – The nature of God**
- **Second = Biblical Anthropology – The Nature of Men**
- **Tirth = Soteriology - Understanding salvation of Men**

• **GOD = is Perfect.**

Matthew 5:48

• ⁴⁸ *Therefore you shall be perfect, just as your Father in heaven is perfect.*

- **MEN = Is broken**

- Psalm 51

- *Have mercy upon me, O God, According to Your lovingkindness; According to the multitude of Your tender mercies, Blot out my transgressions.*

- *2 Wash me thoroughly from my iniquity, and cleanse me from my sin.*

- *3 For I acknowledge my transgressions, and my sin is always before me.*

- *4 Against You, You only, have I sinned, and done this evil in Your sight—*

- *That You may be found just when You speak, and blameless when You judge. 5 Behold, I was brought forth in iniquity, and in sin my mother conceived me.*

- Psalm 86:15

- ***But You, O Lord, are a God full of compassion, and gracious, longsuffering and abundant in mercy and truth.***

I. His Compassion.

Heb. 2:17-18

- ¹⁷ Therefore, in all things He had to be made like *His* brethren, that He might be a merciful... ¹⁸ For in that He Himself has suffered, being tempted, He is able to aid those who are tempted.

I. His Compassion.

- Heb. 4:14-16
- 14 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. 15 *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. 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.*

II. His Patience.

- Psalm 103:8-9
- 8 The Lord *is* merciful and gracious,
Slow to anger, and abounding in mercy.
- 9 He will not always strive *with us,*
Nor will He keep *His anger* forever.

III. His forgiveness

- Micah 7:18-19

**18 Who is a God like you, pardoning iniquity
and passing over transgression**

for the remnant of his inheritance?

**He does not retain his anger forever,
because he delights in steadfast love.**

**19 He will again have compassion on us;
he will tread our iniquities underfoot.**

You will cast all our sins into the depths of the sea.

IV. A relationship with God.

- Ephesians 2:4-5
- ⁴ *But God, who is rich in mercy,* because of His great love with which He loved us, ⁵ even when we were dead in trespasses, made us alive together with Christ (by grace you have been saved),

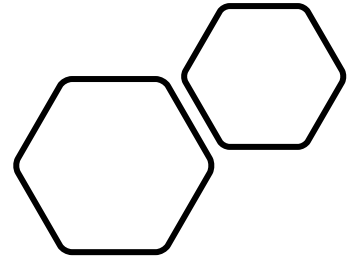
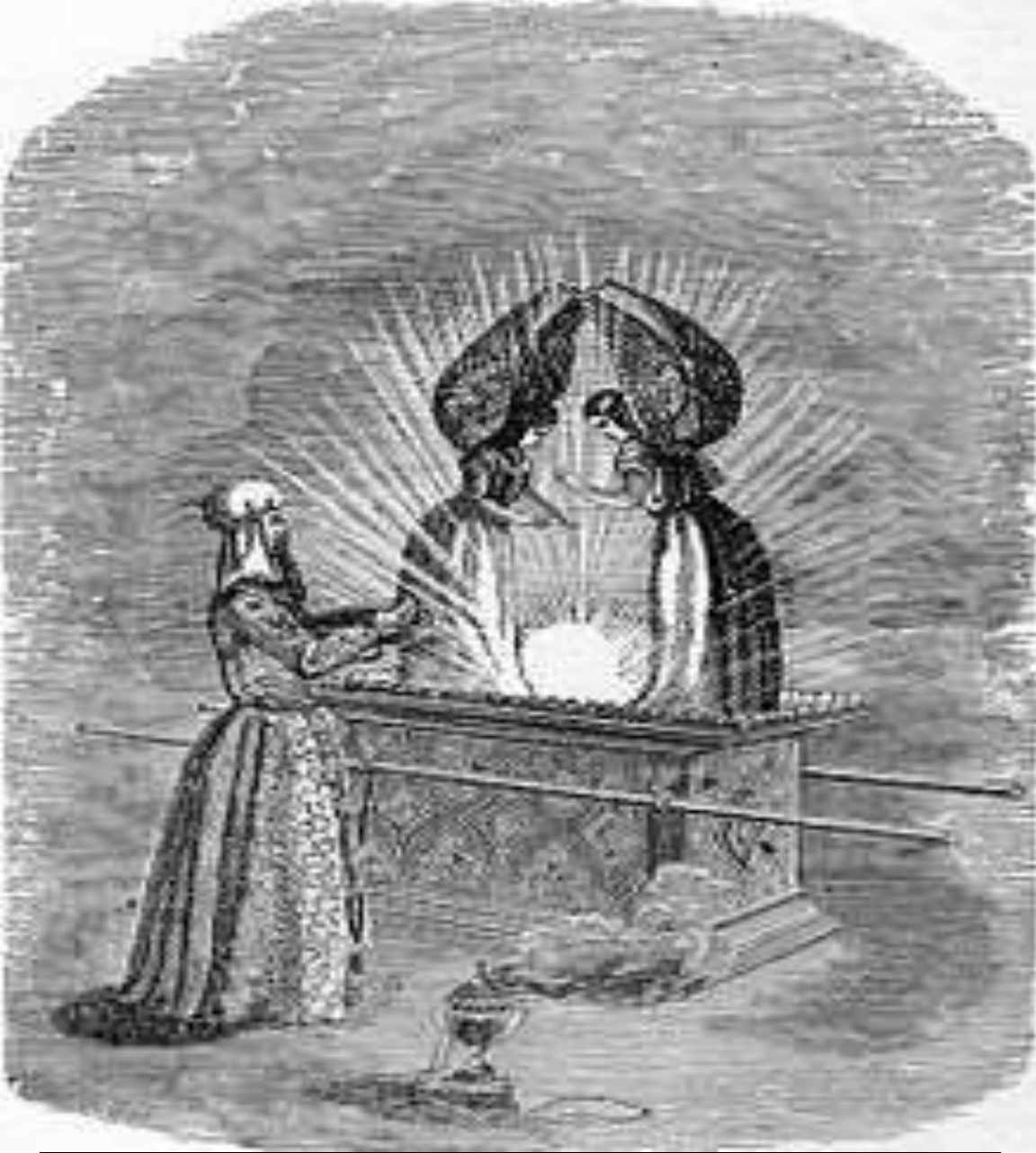
Mercy is required of you!

- Micah 6:8
- ⁸ *He has shown you, O man, what is good;
And what does the Lord require of you
But to do justly,
To love mercy,
And to walk humbly with your God?*

Mercy, in the center of my life!

- Matthew 5.
- ³ “Blessed are the poor in spirit, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven.
- ⁴ “Blessed are those who mourn, for they shall be comforted.
- ⁵ “Blessed are the meek, for they shall inherit the earth.
- ⁶ “Blessed are those who hunger and thirst for righteousness, for they shall be satisfied.
- ⁷ “Blessed are the merciful, for they shall receive mercy.
- ⁸ “Blessed are the pure in heart, for they shall see God.
- ⁹ “Blessed are the peacemakers, for they shall be called sons^[a] of God.
- ¹⁰ “Blessed are those who are persecuted for righteousness' sake, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven.
- ¹¹ “Blessed are you when others revile you and persecute you and utter all kinds of evil against you falsely on my account.

- **Proverbs 3:3-4**
- **3 Let not mercy and truth forsake you;
Bind them around your neck,
Write them on the tablet of your heart,**
- 4 And so find favor and high esteem
In the sight of God and man.**



The Lord requires of you to be Merciful !!!

- **Luke 6:36**

³⁶ Therefore be merciful, just as your Father also is merciful.

1. Show mercy and compassion to one another.

Zechariah 7:9-10

- ⁹ “This is what the Lord Almighty said: ‘Administer true justice; show mercy and compassion to one another.’

2. Exercise Patience with to one another.

- Ephesians 4:2

- ² with all humility and gentleness,
with patience, bearing with one another in love

3. Forgiveness

- Colossians 3:13

- ¹³ bearing with one another, and forgiving one another, if anyone has a complaint against another; even as Christ forgave you, so you also *must do*.

Four reasons why to practice Mercy

- 1. Show mercy to others because God has been merciful to you.

Luke 6:36

³⁶ *Therefore **be merciful**, just as your Father also is merciful.*

Four reasons why to practice Mercy

- 2. Show mercy to others because God commands you

Micah 6:8

*“The LORD has told you what is good, and this is what he requires of you: to do what is right, **to love mercy**, and to walk humbly with your God” .*

Four reasons why to practice Mercy

- 3. Show mercy because you're going to need more mercy in the future.

- James 2:13,

“You must show mercy to others, or God won't show mercy to you . . . But the person who shows mercy can stand without fear at the judgment”

Four reasons why to practice Mercy

- 4. Show mercy because it produces happiness.

Proverbs 14:21

- ²¹ *He who despises his neighbor sins;
But he who has mercy on the poor, happy is he.*

Proverbs 11:17

- ¹⁷ *The merciful man does good for his own soul,
But he who is cruel troubles his own flesh.*

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