

## ❤️ The Mercy of the Lord

Lamentations 3:22-23 Through the LORD's *mercies* we are not consumed, Because His *compassions* fail not. They are new every morning; Great is Your faithfulness.

Mercy – Old Testament : The Hebrew word most commonly translated as “mercy” is *racham* (רחם) which has its root with the word for “womb” (*rechem*) this powerful connection paints a picture of God’s mercy as the same kind of protective, nurturing love that a mother has for her child in the womb. Compassion also shares this same root word. But another key Hebrew word for mercy is *chesed*, often rendered as “lovingkindness,” “steadfast love,” or “covenant loyalty” It’s the kind of love that sticks around – even when it’s hard or even when it costs something. It’s love that doesn’t give up on you. It’s love in action even when you don’t deserve it. It’s voluntary and individual – an act of lovingkindness and care. New Testament (Greek):The Greek word *eleos* (ἔλεος) conveys the idea of compassion, pity, or kindness, especially towards those who are suffering or in need. Compassion is usually when you enter someone’s experience emotionally with a desire to relieve them of pain. Although sometimes you may not be able to bring relief to a situation. Whereas Mercy doesn’t have to have a compassionate emotion to act because it’s a choice, by someone with authority who Chooses to show leniency and forgiveness, sparing someone from harm.

### Mercy and the Cross

Isaiah 53:3-5 He is despised and rejected by men, A Man of sorrows and acquainted with grief. And we hid, as it were, our faces from Him; He was despised, and we did not esteem Him. Surely He has borne our griefs And carried our sorrows; Yet we esteemed Him stricken, Smitten by God, and afflicted. But He was wounded for our transgressions, He was bruised for our iniquities; The chastisement for our peace was upon Him, And by His stripes we are healed.

## ❤️ Two Blind Men ~ Matthew 20:29-34

Now as they went out of Jericho, a great multitude followed Him. And behold, two blind men sitting by the road, when they heard that Jesus was passing by, cried out, saying, “Have mercy on us, O Lord, Son of David!” Then the multitude warned them that they should be quiet; but they cried out all the more, saying, “Have mercy on us, O Lord, Son of David!” So Jesus stood still and called them, and said, “What do you want Me to do for you?” They said to Him, “Lord, that our eyes may be opened.” So Jesus had compassion and touched their eyes. And immediately their eyes received sight, and they followed Him.

\*Jesus: Stood still, called them, asked a question, and then compassionately touched their eyes.

## ❤️ How can I see God’s Healing Mercy in my life?

A. Listen to the Lord and cry out to Him. He hears you. (He will stand still for you.)

Proverbs 7:24 Now therefore, listen to me, my children; Pay attention to the words of my mouth:

1. Reassure your heart of His love for you

Psalms 34:17-18 The righteous cry out, and the LORD hears, And delivers them out of all their troubles. The LORD is near to those who have a broken heart, And saves such as have a contrite spirit.

B. Tell the Lord what you need. He cares for you. (What do you want Him to do for you?)

Psalms 62:8 Trust in Him at all times, you people; Pour out your heart before Him; God is a refuge for us. Selah

1. Reframe Scriptures into prayers. (like the 23<sup>rd</sup> Psalm) Make it personal

Psalms 23:6 Surely goodness and mercy shall follow me All the days of my life; And I will dwell in the house of the LORD Forever.

C. Follow the Lord and His words. He will be good and Merciful to you.

John 10:3-4 To him the doorkeeper opens, and the sheep hear his voice; and he calls his own sheep by name and leads them out. And when he brings out his own sheep, he goes before them; and the sheep follow him, for they know his voice.

1. Stay persistent in your pursuit of the Lord.

Isaiah 54:10 For the mountains shall depart And the hills be removed, But My kindness shall not depart from you, Nor shall My covenant of peace be removed,” Says the LORD, who has mercy on you.