



LIVING WITHOUT LACK THE MERCY OF GOD

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Psalm 23:1 The Lord is my shepherd; I shall not want. 2He makes me to lie down in green pastures; He leads me beside the still waters. 3He restores my soul; He leads me in the paths of righteousness For His name's sake. 4Yea, though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death, I will fear no evil; For You are with me; Your rod and Your staff, they comfort me. 5You prepare a table before me in the presence of my enemies; You anoint my head with oil; My cup runs over. 6Surely goodness and mercy shall follow me All the days of my life; And I will dwell in the house of the Lord Forever.

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FOLLOW = to pursue, chase,

Lamentations 3: 22 The steadfast love of the LORD never ceases; his mercies never come to an end; 23 they are new every morning; great is your faithfulness. 24“The LORD is my portion,” says my soul, “therefore I will hope in him.”

mercies never come to an end

(1) God's Mercy Made us alive with Christ

Ephesians 2: 4 But because of his great love for us, God, who is rich in mercy, 5made us alive with Christ even when we were dead in transgressions—it is by grace you have been saved.

Mercy made me spiritually alive

Titus 3: 4 But when the kindness and the love of God our Savior toward man appeared, 5not by works of righteousness which we have done, but according to His mercy He saved us, through the washing of regeneration and renewing of the Holy Spirit, 6whom He poured out on us abundantly through Jesus Christ our Savior, 7that having been justified by His grace we should become heirs according to the hope of eternal life.

❖ we should become heirs

Mercy makes me an heir

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Hebrews 4:14 Having then a great high priest, who hath passed through the heavens, Jesus the Son of God, let us hold fast our confession. 15For we have not a high priest that cannot be touched with the feeling of our infirmities; but one that hath been in all points tempted like as we are, yet without sin. 16Let us therefore draw near with boldness unto the throne of grace, that we may receive mercy, and may find grace to help us in time of need.

Hezekiah became the king of Judah at the age of twenty-five and reigned in Jerusalem for 29 years. A faithful worshipper of the True God, Hezekiah reopened the Temple of Solomon

2 Kings 20: 1 In those days Hezekiah was sick and near death. And Isaiah the prophet, the son of Amoz, went to him

and said to him, “Thus says the Lord: ‘Set your house in order, for you shall die, and not live.’ ” 2Then he turned his face toward the wall, and prayed to the Lord, saying, 3“Remember now, O Lord, I pray, how I have walked before You in truth and with a loyal heart, and have done *what was good* in Your sight.” And Hezekiah wept bitterly. 4And it happened, before Isaiah had gone out into the middle court, that the word of the Lord came to him, saying, 5“Return and tell Hezekiah the leader of My people, ‘Thus says the Lord, the God of David your father: “I have heard your prayer, I have seen your tears; surely I will heal you. On the third day you shall go up to the house of the Lord. 6And I will add to your days fifteen years. I will deliver you and this city from the hand of the king of Assyria; and I will defend this city for My own sake, and for the sake of My servant David.” ’ ”

Tell The Story

✚ Isaiah the prophet,

✚ he turned his face toward the wall

When your backs against the wall

Turn your face to God.

He shut out everything that said anything but a miracle

He didn't even accept the word of The Prophet

He dared to believe that God

- ❖ Could change His mind
- ❖ Would change His mind

What kind of revelation did he live in that dared to ask?

2 Kings 20:8 Hezekiah had asked Isaiah, “What will be the sign that the Lord will heal me and that I will go up to the temple of the Lord on the third day from now?”

9Isaiah answered, “This is the Lord’s sign to you that the Lord will do what he has promised: Shall the shadow go forward ten steps, or shall it go back ten steps?”

10“It is a simple matter for the shadow to go forward ten steps,” said Hezekiah. “Rather, have it go back ten steps.”

11Then the prophet Isaiah called on the Lord, and the Lord made the shadow go back the ten steps it had gone down on the stairway of Ahaz.

✚ He is still the God of Miracles

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Gen 18:17 Then the Lord said, “Shall I hide from Abraham what I am about to do? **18** Abraham will surely become a great and powerful nation, and all nations on earth will be blessed through him. ^c **19** For I have chosen him, so that he will direct his children and his household after him to keep the way of the Lord by doing what is right and just, so that the Lord will bring about for Abraham what he has promised him.” **20** Then the Lord said, “The outcry against Sodom and Gomorrah is so great and their sin so grievous **21** that I will go down and see if what they have done is as bad as the outcry that has reached me. If not, I will know.” **22** The men turned away and went toward Sodom, but Abraham remained standing before the Lord. ^d **23** Then Abraham approached him and said: “Will you sweep away the righteous with the wicked? **24** What if there are fifty righteous people in the city? Will you really sweep it away and not spare ^e the place for the sake of the fifty righteous people in it?”

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Gen 18:31 Abraham said, “Now that I have been so bold as to speak to the Lord, what if only twenty can

be found there?” He said, “For the sake of twenty, I will not destroy it.” 32Then he said, “May the Lord not be angry, but let me speak just once more. What if only ten can be found there?”

He answered, “For the sake of ten, I will not destroy it.”

If God is merciful, then who are we to be judgmental

Isaiah 1:18 “Come now, let us settle the matter,” says the Lord. “Though your sins are like scarlet, they shall be as white as snow; though they are red as crimson, they shall be like wool.

**Matthew 5: 7 Blessed *are* the merciful,
For they shall obtain mercy.**

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