

God is Merciful - Who is God - Part 16

I. God is Merciful

- A. Definition - God shows kindness, compassion, and love to _____ sinners. Mercy is not getting what we _____. (Rom. 9:15-16)
- B. As sinners, we deserve to spend eternity in _____, _____ from God (Ps. 51:5; Rom. 6:23; Rev. 20:13-15)
- C. Without mercy, we have no _____ of reaching _____ (Eph. 2:4-5)
- D. God's mercy is extended to _____
1. To unbelievers, He offers _____ (Ez. 33:11; II Peter 3:9)
 2. To believers, He offers comfort, compassion, and _____ in times of trial or trouble (Ps. 34:17; Lam. 3:22-23)

II. How do we respond to God's mercy? (Luke 15:11-24; Matt. 18:)

- A. Understand that God loves us, despite the _____ we cause Him (Luke 15:11-13)
- B. Understand the _____ of our sin (Luke 15:14-16)
- C. Realize that we are _____ (Luke 15:17-19)
- D. Stop _____ and turn to our Heavenly Father (Luke 15:20)
- E. _____ and receive God's Mercy (Luke 15:21)
- F. Live like a _____ of God (Luke 15:22-24)
- G. Be _____ to others as God has been merciful to us (Matt. 5:7; Ps. 41:1-4)
1. What does it mean to be merciful?
 - a. Forgive the _____ (BKC) (Matt. 6:14-15)
 - b. Reach out to those who are _____ (BKC) (Ps. 41:1a)
 - c. Reach out to those in _____ (BKC) (Prov. 19:17; 14:21)
 2. What is the reward for being merciful? God will show _____ to us (Ps. 41:1-3)
 - a. God will walk with us in times of _____
 - b. God will _____ us from our enemies
 - c. God will give us _____

III. Questions to Ponder

- A. How has God _____ you _____?
- B. How can you _____ to others?