

The God of Mercy

“ Through the Lord's mercies we are not consumed, Because His compassions fail not. They are new every morning; Great is Your faithfulness” (Lamentations 3:22-23). Critics of the Bible often picture God as indifferent, unkind and vindictive toward His people. Nothing could be further from the truth about God. The God we read about in the Bible is full of mercy and love towards His creation. Notice several passages of Scripture which teach us about the mercy and love of God.

In the times of the Exodus God was spoken of as being “...merciful and gracious, longsuffering, and abounding in goodness and truth, keeping mercy for thousands, forgiving iniquity and transgression and sin” (Exodus 34:6-7). Nehemiah spoke of God as being “Ready to pardon, Gracious and merciful, Slow to anger, Abundant in kindness” (Nehemiah 9:17). Truly, during the Old Testament times God was a merciful and loving God.

In the New Testament times God is also seen as a loving and merciful God. With its fulfillment in the New Testament, the Hebrew writer said: “For I will be merciful to their unrighteousness, and their sins and their lawless deeds I will remember no more” (Hebrews 8:12). James also reminds us that “The Lord is very compassionate and merciful” (James 5:11). Jesus makes the application to us and says, “Therefore, be merciful as your father also is merciful” (Luke 6:36).

While critics of the Bible will accuse God of being evil and unkind, as one reads the Bible with an open and honest heart he is able to see God as a merciful and loving God. The Psalmist eloquently declared, “But You, O Lord, are a God full of compassion, and gracious, Longsuffering and abundant in mercy and truth ” (Psalms 86:15). May God help each of us to be a people of mercy and love! (thegospelofchrist.com)

YOU CAN ALWAYS CALL HOME

When your friends have all gone
And you're left all alone
And you wonder, "Does anyone care?"
There is still someone who
Knows and cares about you
And is waiting to meet you in prayer.

When the pitfalls are rife
On the pathway of life
And your burdens are heavy to bear;
There's a light in the gloam
You can always call home
Through the long distance power of prayer.

When your ship hits a shoal
It is time for your soul
To ascend that invisible stair;
To that privileged place
At the Lord's throne of grace
And commune with the Father in prayer.

When your working day ends
And the darkness descends
Dial the code of that city foursquare;
Give your soul to His keep
Ere you give it to sleep
And the Father will answer your prayer.

Harry Presley (Nov. 27, 1924 –July 14, 2019)

"Gloam" means twilight
"Rife" means frequent, commonly occurring

[From Harry's obituary, "He wrote over 1200 poems over the years, of which some 200 were put to music. He was a published author and poet. He considered his poems to be a special Gift of God to glorify Him and to edify mankind. And they did...every one of them, he shared them freely and they were the Best."]

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Sick & Shut-in

Bennett, Norma
Brashear, Logan
Bunch, Margaret
Cunningham, Jerry
England, Marita
Evans, Carla
Evans, Steve
Hall, Donna
Horn, Bobby
Moore, Jean
Mouse, Tyler
Nunez, Bob
Prichard, Barbara
Prichard, Bobby
Sturgeon, Wayne

Evangelism

Cliff Lyons, Ilya Muzychenko and Markov Roman, Russia
Ricky Gootam, India
House to House/Heart to Heart
Braggschurchofchrist.com
In Search of The Lord's Way- Tulsa, OK, on
KQCW TV 19 - Sun 7:30 am

Attendance

[Average attendance for 2019 - 43]
Attendance last Sunday - 36

Scripture Reading – Ps. 18:46-48

News & Notes

The new House to House paper and the December calendar are on the table in the back of the building.