

God's Great Mercy

LAST WEEK: GOD'S GREAT GRACE - I believe that God wants to put on you, your life, and your family... AND ON YOUR FAILURE today... GREAT GRACE!!!!

- **Great Grace only comes after Great Mistake!**
- **YOU MAY HAVE MADE A MISTAKE, BUT YOU ARE NOT ONE.**
- **GOD WILL NEVER DEFINE YOU BY YOUR WORST MISTAKE.**
- **GRACE is the Lord giving you something YOU DON'T DESERVE**
- **MERCY IS God HOLDING BACK WHAT YOU DO DESERVE**
- **God's got more grace than your disgrace!!!**
- **Biblical phrase – Great Grace was upon them all! (Acts 4:33)**

TODAY: Message is GREAT MERCY

GRACE GIVES WHAT YOU DO NOT DESERVE – BUT –

MERCY HOLDS BACK WHAT YOU DO DESERVE...

- **We need Both**
- **Great Grace – giving us what we don't deserve!**
- **Mercy – Forgiveness - Favor - Blessing – all those things we can't earn.**
- **He just gives it to us!**

Mercy is different – it holds back what we do deserve!

- **The Judgement, the condemnation, It holds it back!**
- **Today I want to talk about this GREAT MERCY!!!**

1 Chronicles 28:10-11 – NKJV –

¹⁰ consider now, for the Lord has chosen you to build a house for the sanctuary; be strong, and do it.”

¹¹ Then David gave his son Solomon the plans for the vestibule, its houses, its treasuries, its upper chambers, its inner chambers, **and the place of the mercy seat;**

David told Solomon - I want you to build the house of the Lord and here is the perfect blueprint.

- There won't be the sound of a tool of iron or a hammer.
- It's going to be so perfect the blueprints that I give you that everything will be according to the pattern.
- There is a pattern for the porch
- There is a pattern for the chambers
- There is a pattern for the vestibule

AND there is a pattern and place for the MERCY SEAT!!!

Another biblical name for the Mercy Seat is the Ark of the Covenant.

- It was the God box
- The top was the Mercy Seat...

Inside of that box were three things:

1. It was Aaron's rod that budded.

- It was *a dead stick* that God brought back to supernatural restoration
- *And life* when it got *in the presence* of God's mercy.

2. Then there was a Pot of Manna

- It would turn to worms every 24 hours.
- They couldn't store it up.
- But, they put some in a jar and placed it inside *under the mercy of God*
- And that which would have corrupted, it stayed fresh, it stayed alive

3. Then, there was The TEN COMMANDMENTS

- The 10 Commandments that killed when it was given on the mountain
- When *the Mercy seat* one time was accidentally lifted on one occasion
- *Killed over 70,000 People* with a plague – *Because the Mercy was not covering the Law!*

I'm saying to you today that if you want restoration

- That **dead stick** that had no life when it spent the night, 24 hours inside of that box near the mercy of God it **came alive**.
 - If we want to see **people restored** we got to have **a place of mercy** in this church
 - If you want to **see Gods provision, (the manna)**, you've got to have **a house of mercy**
 - If you want to **see the law** turn into something **that gives life**
 - Instead of something that **brings death** you've got to have **a place of mercy**
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I want to give you **a couple of thoughts** –

I NEED NINE VOLUNTEERS

Now I want to **show you** something about **the Mercy of God** –

THE Beatitudes – NINE BLESSINGS

Matthew 5:3 - “Blessed are **the poor in spirit**,

For theirs is the kingdom of heaven.

Matthew 5:4 - Blessed are **those who mourn**,

For they shall be comforted.

Matthew 5:5 - Blessed are **the meek**,

For they shall inherit the earth.

Matthew 5:6 - Blessed are **those who hunger and thirst for righteousness**,

For they shall be filled.

He then says something in **verse #7** that ***I will come back to...***

Matthew 5:8 - Blessed are **the pure in heart**,

For they shall see God.

Matthew 5:9 - Blessed are **the peacemakers**,

For they shall be called sons of God.

Matthew 5:10 - Blessed *are* those who are persecuted for righteousness' sake,
For theirs is the kingdom of heaven.

Matthew 5:11 - "Blessed are you when they revile and persecute you, and say all kinds of evil against you falsely for My sake.

He puts four blessings over here (to the right) and four blessings (to the left).

And right dead in the middle He says,

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

- He is saying whatever you're preaching, teaching...
- Whoever you're ministering to – The Broken, The Mourning, The Persecuted, Those people who are going through it...
- I don't care what kind of ministry you have going on *in my house...*

MAKE SURE that you put right in the middle of everything that you are doing –

- Everything that you're preaching – teaching – singing – saying...
- **MERCY – MERCY – MERCY – MERCY!!!**
- Blessed is the Merciful...
- *The others don't work if you don't have MERCY in the middle.*
- Blessed are the merciful – for they shall obtain mercy!!!!

You three here in the middle stay –

There is this verse in Micah -

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?

So what does God require of you?

- To do Justly - To walk Humbly
- BUT, right in the middle what does it say? **TO LOVE MERCY!!!!**

He said if you want to please me, *live* justly, clean, pure and do what's right!

- **Obey the Word – don't get *arrogant about it!!!!* Don't get *self-righteous about it!!!***
- **Don't get to holy, *looking down* on everybody, Walk Humbly**
- **1. Do Justice, 2. Walk Humbly.....**
- But *right in the middle*, if you want to please me, **LOVE MERCY...**
- **3. LOVE MERCY – MERCY HOLDS BACK WHAT PEOPLE DESERVE**
- It says **I'm a merciful** person
- **God says** that's the three things you do **if you want to please me!!!**

GIVE THEM A BIG HAND 😊

God gives us Balance, right in the middle, not just Mercy, But **LOVE to be merciful.**

One of the **great miracles** in the New Testament happened at a place called **the pool of Bethesda!!!**

- Where a man for 38 years laid paralyzed.
- The Bible says it had five porches which represent the five-fold ministry.
- The office of the prophet, apostle, evangelist, Pastor, and the Teacher.
- These five-fold ministries **cannot do anything** for the impatient, crippled, broken person...
- **UNTIL** somebody **picks him up** and **puts him in** the water.
- The Pool was called **Bethesda** – Which means, **HOUSE OF MERCY**.
- **All we will produce** with our ministry ***is broken people*** who are impatient ***who cannot get over*** the breaking ***they have been through...***
- And they will lay in our house year after year **UNTIL....**
- **We can get them** **into the Mercy** of GOD!!!
- Somebody has got to **put them in the MERCY**
- **We can't** be mean, hateful, judgmental...
- We've got to be a house of MERCY!!!!

The Church need to be baptized in **MERCY**

We have a room for Kids, coffee shop, teens, adult bible studies, Pastor's study.

David said you make sure **when you build God a Temple** that you **have a place for MERCY!!!**

- It holds back **what people deserve**.
- He said Make it out of pure Gold
- **Where did the blood go?** – It went on the Mercy Seat
- If there was **NO mercy seat**, there was **no splattering** Seven times of the blood
- If we **don't have great mercy** in this church then there **won't** be any of ***the blood of Jesus Christ*** and the **overcoming power of the blood on this ministry!!!**
- **The more that we provide a Mercy Seat the bigger our mercy seat gets**
- **The more the blood of Jesus comes to save that which is lost**.
- **Make a place for it!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!**

I have experienced it, I want mercy, I ***don't want it left out*** of the equation.

Why did David get Mercy when he committed adultery?

I believe it was because **he had Mercy** on one of Saul's last living relatives.

- His name was **Mephibosheth** - A crippled boy who could not **help himself**
- **Judgement said** – You kill all of the lineage of Saul the previous King
- Mephibosheth was his last seed
- Kin to Saul, You should kill him David...
- But **David brought him into the palace** and put him at his table and fed him and took care of him!
- ***I can't prove it***, but I believe **the reason judgement didn't hit David**
- And wipe him out when he Had an affair with Bathsheba and killed her husband in an attempt ***to cover up his sin.***
- **The reason God gave him MERCY**
- **Meaning holding back what he did deserve...**

- May be because **he showed Mercy** to a crippled boy who couldn't help himself.
- **God saw it** and said, ***blessed are the Merciful***, for ***they shall obtain mercy!***

Helper come up –

The Mercy Seat had on one end a cherubim (hold your arms up). ***Made of Gold...***

The other side another angel and ***their wings touched***

- But they **did NOT** look eye to eye...
- The Bible said that he **commanded Moses** that their heads would be looking down, **ON THE MERCY SEAT!!!**
- In other words **I do not have to see eye to eye** to get in agreement with you on everything..
- **If I will see you through the blood and the mercy of God –**
- We can see each other through the blood - through the mercy
- **AND THEN** we **touch and agree** – and God said I will dwell above the mercy seat and the cherubim's wings.
- We need to **dwell together in Unity**.
- **NOT** looking eye to eye on everything
- Seeing each other **Through Mercy**, through the blood, through Grace
- Because of it **God said I will dwell in that house**
- **I will dwell** in that marriage, I will dwell in that family
- **They don't always see eye to eye –**
- They will have **arguments and disagreements**.
- But, **if they will see each other through the Mercy**, **I WILL BRING UNITY**, and **healing** and **my glory** **WILL FILL THAT HOUSE!!!!** Thank you!

I would say to my Pastor friends, **we don't have to** see eye to eye

- Let's see each other **through the blood, through the mercy of God**.

Let's just **come together, we need** each other..

- **Anybody preaching Jesus**, His grace His Blood, HIS death the burial, and resurrection **is my Brother**, is my sister and I'm **NOT going to fight you!!!**
- **Black and white** – we don't have to agree on everything – let's ***see each other through the mercy, through the blood*** – that's what America needs.
- **That's what the world needs, GOD have mercy on us!!!**

Some of us ***don't understand what marriage is*** all about; I just gave you what it is all about

- You're **not** going to **see eye to eye** on everything.
- So what a family has to do is ***see each other through mercy, through blood***
- You hurt me but I love you
- You disappointed me but I forgive you
- You broke my heart, but your mine and I'm yours
- And **treat me not to leave you..**
- **Your people is my people**
- YOUR GOD is **my GOD**

NO we are not perfect people, families or Ministries –

- **BUT if we will see each other through the Blood** –
- **His Glory will come on our imperfection** and make us something beautiful for his Glory!!!

GIVE HIM PRAISE!!! –

Thank him for the Mercy. It is on your house, your marriage, your children...

Michael Angelo the only bible he had to read was the **Latin interpretation**.

When the Latin interpretation talks about Moses being on the mountain and **the Glory of God** coming on him and having to cover his face with a veil.

The Latin bible they was a **mis-interpretation** of the word **glory!**

They misinterpreted it and it said instead of glory being on his face, they said Moses had horns, two of them. Well we know what horns represent.

Now when you see any of Michael Angelo's paintings, ***because of a misinterpretation***, all of the paintings of Moses have horns on him.

HERE is my point:

Sometimes you hear something and ***you put it through your Latin interpretation.***

- **You hear something about someone – you put horns on them!**
- **Every time you think of that person, you paint a picture with horns.**
- Cause someone said or you heard something about them.
- Second hand, third hand someone said something so
- **In your mind you automatically paint horns on them**

They are the DEVIL – AND it takes a lot of de-horning to take the horns off of people we've painted them on in our mind!!!

I've come to preach to you that ***MOSES DIDN'T have horns...***

- There is ***a lot of people were painting horns on*** because ***were not showing them Mercy***, ***you're not showing them Grace***, ***you're not showing them the love of God***
- **God is saying they don't have horns...**
- ***YOU JUST DON'T HAVE MERCY...***

What ***one interpretation*** said were horns –

- **God's interpretation said it's NOT HORNS.**
- ***IT'S MY GLORY!!!***
- **My glory** is going to come upon that area of his life, so you ***get your horns off*** of him

Close:

In Greek mythology Xanthus invites Aesop over for dinner. These Greek gods; He says I want you to bring for a present ***the most wonderful thing*** in the world.

- That night Aesop brought a **gift; a tongue**, yes a tongue...
- He said, yes, this is the **most wonderful** thing in the world.
- He invites him back the next night and he said, **bring the worst thing in the world!**
- The next night **Aesop brought a tongue** because he knew –

The tongue can be the best thing in the world or the worst thing in the world!

Because....

Proverbs 18:21 - Death and life are in the power of the tongue,

And those who love it **will eat its fruit.**

- It's the **most wonderful** thing in your life!
- Or it's the **worst thing** in your life!
- **It depends on how you use it!!!**

What you speak, whether you **show Mercy**, you **show love**, you **show Grace**...

- **Your tongue** will either become **the most wonderful thing** for your family to hear.
- **Or** it will be **the worst thing...**

My prayer – Touch my lips with a coal from off the altars of Heaven...

I don't know **who I'm preaching to today BUT...**

- God has **great mercy** for you - There is **a place of Mercy** for you...
- **OUR body is a temple** and there is **a place of Mercy** that needs to be **in all of our Temple's for People WHO Mess UP!!!**

I don't know **what your need is today** but I feel lead to tell you

- There is **GREAT GRACE, GREAT MERCY** for you...
- **GOD CAN HOLD BACK** –
- **Like the Egyptian Army** and Pharaoh –
- You got out but now **something from the past** -
- **The chariots are rumbling** and **they are trying to come back** and get you.

Something from your past – some **shame**, some **guilt**, some **mess up**, some failure, and **it is coming.**

Pharos army is coming back to enslave you.

But the lord said to Moses,

- Look I want you to see this and **he turned around**.
- The bible said the Red Sea swallowed them up – **THAT's MERCY!!!**

Holding back what you deserved.

- **God said** once he got through -
- **God said** I'm moving my hand and the enemy was swallowed up!!!

I love what God told Moses – He said these enemies..

Exodus 14:13 - And Moses said to the people, "Do not be afraid. Stand still, and see the salvation of the Lord, which He will accomplish for you today. For the Egyptians whom you see today, you shall see again no more forever.

You shall see no more –

MY MERCY has forever held back what you deserve!!!

- The red sea – **THE BLOOD** of Jesus HAS swallowed up your past
- **The Mercy** has held back what you deserve
- **Grace** has given you what you don't deserve...

You can be totally restored and right here today there is a place of Mercy!