

“I trust in the mercy of God for ever and ever.” V. 8b

Psalm 52:1 – 9

One day God will judge all of mankind, and God’s judgement will be strong, and divine justice will be according to His law. If you are saved your judgement will be according to our walk in God’s Holy Word, and if you are lost your judgment will be for your sin. The saved will enter the Kingdom of God, the place that Jesus had prepared for us, **John 14:2** “*In my Father's house are many mansions: if it were not so, I would have told you. I go to prepare a place for you.*” And the lost will be cast into the eternal fires of hell and tormented for eternity. **Revelation 20:15** “*And whosoever was not found written in the book of life was cast into the lake of fire.*” Our place in eternity will not be executed because of our works, how good we are, how we lived, but by the grace and mercy of God. All people are sinners, all people have failed God, all people are equally dirty, and all people deserve to be cast into hell’s eternal flames. God is a Holy God; He cannot accept sin and will not accept sin. All sin must be punished without exception. However, God is also merciful, the Psalmist said, “*I trust in the mercy of God for ever and ever.*” V. 8b Mercy is defined as “*mercy is the outward manifestation of pity; it assumes **need** on the part of him who receives it*” -Vines. Mercy means compassion. It is because of God’s mercy that we can indeed have eternal life with Him. It was His mercy on us that He loved us and sent His Son to redeem a remnant of people. Because of God’s mercy David said “*Let him flourish in the court, I shall much more in the house of God. My name shall be precious among the saints when he stinketh above ground; he shall wither when I shall be fresh, flourishing, and fruitful.*” Therefore, as Christians we can “*trust in the mercy of God for ever and ever.*” David prayed this prayer, **Psalm 86:13-16** “*For great is thy mercy toward me: and thou hast delivered my soul from the lowest hell. O God, the proud are risen against me, and the assemblies of violent men have sought after my soul; and have not set thee before them. But thou, O Lord, art a God full of compassion, and gracious, longsuffering, and plenteous in mercy and truth. O turn unto me, and have mercy upon me; give thy strength unto thy servant, and save the son of thine handmaid.*”

A. God’s mercy endureth forever.

1. **Psalms 136:26** *“O give thanks unto the God of heaven: for his mercy endureth for ever.”* Because God is eternal, He loves us with an eternal love, He will never undo the mercies and Graces that He has bestowed on us.
2. What a true blessing it is to have God’s mercy that endures forever!
3. We have so many reasons to thank God for both Mercy and Grace.

B. We need never forget what God OWES us.

1. **Ecclesiastes 7:20** *“For there is not a just man upon earth, that doeth good, and sinneth not.”* David prayed in, **Psalms 130:3** *“If thou, LORD, shouldest mark iniquities, O Lord, who shall stand?”*
2. Because of sin, not our sin but The Sin of Adam, we were all born sinners deserving condemnation to hell’s fires. **Ezekiel 18:4** *“Behold, all souls are mine; as the soul of the father; so also the soul of the son is mine: the soul that sinneth, it shall die.”*
3. A sin is the breaking of God’s law, any law. **1 John 3:4** *“Whosoever committeth sin transgresseth also the law: for sin is the transgression of the law.”*
4. And one who is a sinner uncleaned serves sin. **John 8:34** *“Jesus answered them, Verily, verily, I say unto you, Whosoever committeth sin is the servant of sin.”*

C. Mercy must include a penalty for sin.

1. Sin brings judgment, and judgment brings death. **Romans 5:12** *“Wherefore, as by one man sin entered into the world, and death by sin; and so death passed upon all men, for that all have sinned:”*
2. Because of God’s mercy and grace toward us, He delivered a Lamb to sacrifice for our sins. **Revelation 13:8 - 9** *“And all that dwell upon the earth shall worship him, whose names are not written in the book of life of the Lamb slain from the foundation of the world. (9) If any man have an ear, let him hear.”*
3. **Revelation 5:12** *“Saying with a loud voice, Worthy is the Lamb that was slain to receive power, and riches, and wisdom, and strength, and honour, and glory, and blessing.”*

D. Mercy and Grace deliver’s salvation to those who God gives it.

1. Salvation is a gift, a gift of God’s mercy toward us. **Romans 6:23** *“For the wages of sin is death; but the gift of God is eternal life through Jesus Christ our Lord.”*

2. Salvation is not taken by a wretched and dead sinner. It is given from a Sovereign and merciful God.
3. Things like choices, decisions, turning over new leaves, and etc. are not bible terms but terms made up by sinful and lost men.
4. God chose us, while it is not popular, it is fact and Truth, meaning it is biblical.
Ephesians 1:4 - 6 *“According as he hath chosen us in him before the foundation of the world, that we should be holy and without blame before him in love: (5) Having predestinated us unto the adoption of children by Jesus Christ to himself, according to the good pleasure of his will, (6) To the praise of the glory of his grace, wherein he hath made us accepted in the beloved.”*
5. **Romans 8:29 - 30** *“For whom he did foreknow, he also did predestinate to be conformed to the image of his Son, that he might be the firstborn among many brethren. (30) Moreover whom he did predestinate, them he also called: and whom he called, them he also justified: and whom he justified, them he also glorified.”*
6. God’s mercy on us is what delivered us a Saviour. It is why we are saved, and it is why we can trust in God’s mercy.