

# GOD IS MERCIFUL

## Lesson 5

**Mercy:** *compassion toward an offender.*

**Merciful:** *not giving the punishment the offender deserves.*

	How is God's MERCY shown in these Scriptures?	Observations, Questions, Synonyms, Other Attributes	What difference does God's MERCY make in my life?
<p><b>Isaiah 44:22</b></p> <p>"I have swept away your offenses like a cloud, your sins like the morning mist. Return to me, for I have redeemed you."</p>			
<p><b>Isaiah 57:1-5, 9-10</b></p> <p>Have mercy on me, my God, have mercy on me, for in you I take refuge.            I will take refuge in the shadow of your wings until the disaster has passed.</p> <p><sup>2</sup> I cry out to God Most High, to God, who vindicates me.</p> <p><sup>3</sup> He sends from heaven and saves me, rebuking those who hotly pursue me—            God sends forth his love and his faithfulness.</p> <p><sup>5</sup> Be exalted, O God, above the heavens; let your glory be over all the earth.</p> <p><sup>9</sup> I will praise you, Lord, among the nations; I will sing of you among the peoples.</p> <p><sup>10</sup> For great is your love, reaching to the heavens; your faithfulness reaches to the skies.</p>			

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<p><b>John 8:1-11</b></p> <p>But Jesus went to the Mount of Olives.  <sup>2</sup> At dawn he appeared again in the temple courts, where all the people gathered around him, and he sat down to teach them. <sup>3</sup> The teachers of the law and the Pharisees brought in a woman caught in adultery. They made her stand before the group <sup>4</sup> and said to Jesus, "Teacher, this woman was caught in the act of adultery. <sup>5</sup> In the Law Moses commanded us to stone such women. Now what do you say?"  <sup>6</sup> They were using this question as a trap, in order to have a basis for accusing him. But Jesus bent down and started to write on the ground with his finger. <sup>7</sup> When they kept on questioning him, he straightened up and said to them, "Let any one of you who is without sin be the first to throw a stone at her." <sup>8</sup> Again he stooped down and wrote on the ground.  <sup>9</sup> At this, those who heard began to go away one at a time, the older ones first, until only Jesus was left, with the woman still standing there. <sup>10</sup> Jesus straightened up and asked her, "Woman, where are they? Has no one condemned you?"  <sup>11</sup> "No one, sir," she said. "Then neither do I condemn you," Jesus declared. "Go now and leave your life of sin."</p>			

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<p><b>Ephesians 2:1-7</b></p> <p>As for you, you were dead in your transgressions and sins, <sup>2</sup> in which you used to live when you followed the ways of this world and of the ruler of the kingdom of the air, the spirit who is now at work in those who are disobedient. <sup>3</sup> All of us also lived among them at one time, gratifying the cravings of our flesh<sup>[a]</sup> and following its desires and thoughts. Like the rest, we were by nature deserving of wrath. <sup>4</sup> But because of his great love for us, God, who is rich in mercy, <sup>5</sup> made us alive with Christ even when we were dead in transgressions—it is by grace you have been saved. <sup>6</sup> And God raised us up with Christ and seated us with him in the heavenly realms in Christ Jesus, <sup>7</sup> in order that in the coming ages he might show the incomparable riches of his grace, expressed in his kindness to us in Christ Jesus.</p> <p><i>a. Eph. 2:3 - In contexts like this, the Greek word for flesh (sarx) refers to the sinful state of human beings, often presented as a power in opposition to the Spirit.</i></p>			
<p><b>What other scriptures come to mind?</b></p>			

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### **Reflections**

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#### **Psalm 51:1**

From our human perspective, “mercy” can mean not receiving the punishment one deserves. Think of a time when you experienced overwhelming mercy from God. Tell about the experience and your response.

#### **Luke 22:49-51**

Give an example of when you extended mercy to another person, or even to yourself. What was the effect on your relationship with God? With that other person?

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### **Lecture Notes**

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### **Prayer Requests**

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