

**I. Mercy (Compassionate Forgiveness)**

- **Love thinks no evil (1 Cor. 13:5)**

A. When the Lord introduces Himself to Moses in (Ex. 34) the first thing that He declares about himself is that He is filled with a desire to give mercy. If we are going to be a people who claim to know God, we must give ourselves to understanding and walking in His mercy.

B. We will forever be growing in our understanding and celebration of the mercy He has given us (Ps. 89:1-2). God desires that we always relate to Him on the basis of mercy and in turn relate to one another in the same way. Receiving God's mercy will daily bring life and tenderize our hearts towards Him and others.

C. Believing in God's heart of mercy towards us is a battlefield that the enemy has taken much ground towards unbelief. Unfortunately, a common experience of many believers to begin to wain in confidence of His mercy for them as their weakness is exposed over time. We must renew our minds and hearts often in the truth of His delight in relating to us on the basis of His Great mercy.

1. Synonyms of Merciful – Forgiveness, Goodwill, Grace, Generosity, Blessing, Compassionate, Sympathetic, and Tender.

2. Antonyms of Merciful – Distain, Ill will, Disapproval, Cruel, Intolerant, Mean, and Vengeful.

**II. The Mercy Seat of God**

A. When our Father built His throne room in heaven He placed an emerald rainbow of covenantal mercy around Himself. Everything that proceeds from His throne is being done through tender mercy and we will forever behold His mercy seat.

1. (Ex. 25:8-22, 34:5-7, Rev. 4:3, 1 Chro. 16:41, 2 Chro. 5:13, Ps. 5:7, 31:6-9, 52:8-9, 89:2-24, 136, 147:10-11, Hosea whole Book focusing on 6:6.)

### **III. The Expression of Mercy**

A. As God in the flesh walked the earth He longed for His people to relate to Him and to each other on the same basis as His Father. He qualified His leadership team and poured out His power through the mercy in His heart.

1. Mat. 9:13, 27 ext, 12:7, 23:23, 1 Tim. 1:15, Titus 3:3-7, Heb. 4:16)

### **IV. The Merciful Ruler of the Earth**

A. The return of our Lord is not generally seen as a day of mercy, however, the scriptures point to a total opposite truth. On that day the merciful heart of our God will be put on display in a clear and ongoing way. In this age we see mercy only dimly, but in that day we will have greater understanding and we will rejoice with new songs forever.

1. (Is. 16:5, 30:18, Jer. 33:11, Zec. 1:16, Mic. 7:18-20, Rom 11:30-33)