

HAVE MERCY ON ME

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INTRODUCTION

Repentance is a gift that God gives us so we can deal with our sins properly.

Acts 5:31—[31] *God exalted him at his right hand as Leader and Savior, to give repentance to Israel and forgiveness of sins.*

Acts 11:18—[18] *When they heard these things they fell silent. And they glorified God, saying, “Then to the Gentiles also God has granted repentance that leads to life.”*

2 Timothy 2:25—*God may perhaps grant them repentance leading to a knowledge of the truth...*

Confession is the external expression of the gift of repentance.

Romans 10:10—[10] *For with the heart one believes and is justified, and with the mouth one confesses and is saved.*

Confession is a spiritual discipline we often neglect.

Since we sin daily, we should discipline ourselves to confess our sins daily because it is through heartfelt confession that we receive mercy.

Proverbs 28:13

*[13] Whoever conceals his transgressions will not prosper,
but he who confesses and forsakes them will obtain mercy.*

PLEA

Mercy is the withholding of a deserved punishment.

David does not presume on God’s mercy, instead he bases his request on the goodness of God.

Hebrews 10:26—*For if we go on sinning deliberately after receiving the knowledge of the truth, there no longer remains a sacrifice for sins...*

True confession always comes from a place of humility where we acknowledge that God alone is good and we are not.

RECOGNITION

True confession does not downplay the gravity of sin.

David not only recognizes his sin, but he recognizes that he sins constantly.

David recognizes his sin was ultimately against God.

Total Depravity = sin has touched every part of our being from birth.

SOLUTION

hyssop = a plant that is associated with purification rituals in the bible.

Hebrews 8:12—*For I will be merciful toward their iniquities, and I will remember their sins no more.*

God will sometimes afflict us so that we can come to him in faith and repentance.

2 Corinthians 7:10—*[10] For godly grief produces a repentance that leads to salvation without regret, whereas worldly grief produces death.*

The promises of the New Covenant

Ezekiel 36:26—*And I will give you a new heart, and a new spirit I will put within you. And I will remove the heart of stone from your flesh and give you a heart of flesh.*

David knows that God is able to free him not only from the guilt of sin, but God is also able to save him from slavery to sin.

Romans 6:13-14—*[13] Do not present your members to sin as instruments for unrighteousness, but present yourselves to God as those who have been brought from death to life, and your members to God as instruments for*

righteousness. [14] For sin will have no dominion over you, since you are not under law but under grace.

TRANSFORMATION

The mercy of God doesn't just lead us to stop sinning; it leads us to turn from a life of sin to a life that produces fruit of righteousness.

David, the transgressor becomes David, the teacher.

1 Corinthians 6:11–[11] *And such were some of you. But you were washed, you were sanctified, you were justified in the name of the Lord Jesus Christ and by the Spirit of our God.*

David, the transgressor becomes David, the worshiper.

If we experience the gospel in our hearts, our lips will respond with praise.

“There is more mercy in Christ than sin in us.” –**Richard Sibbs**

REDEMPTION

David reminds his readers that external acts of sacrifice are an adequate way to pursue forgiveness.

The confession that God accepts is one that reveals a broken heart.

Notice that in verse 18 David turns this prayer from personal to corporate.

David's sin affected not only him, but all the whole nation; so David intercedes for the nation.

Ephesians 5:25-27–[25] *Husbands, love your wives, as Christ loved the church and gave himself up for her, [26] that he might sanctify her, having cleansed her by the washing of water with the word, [27] so that he might present the church to himself in splendor, without spot or wrinkle or any such thing, that she might be holy and without blemish.*