

"God's Mercy"

Sparing the Guilty Deuteronomy 9:22-29

His mercy is often:

I. Received –"ye provoked the Lord to wrath

(vs. 22-24)

When you are:

- A. Discontent "And at Taberah...and at Kibrothhattaavah"
- **B.** Distrusting "And at Massah"
- C. Disobedient "ye rebelled against the commandment"

II. Requested –"I prayed therefore unto the Lord"

(vs. 25-27)

When you have ungodly:

- A. Attitudes "look not unto the stubbornness of this people"
- **B.** Antagonism "nor to their wickedness"
- **C.** Actions "nor to their sin"

III. Recognized – "Yet they are thy people"

(vs. 28-29)

When all who see God's:

- A. Ability "the Lord was not able to bring them into the land
- **B.** Affection -"because He hated them"
- C. Ambition "He has brought them out to slay them"

Sentence Sermon

"God's mercy with a sinner is perhaps only matched by His patience with the saints."

Additional Verses

- ➤ Philippians 4:6-7
- > Numbers 11:1-3, 31-34
- > Exodus 17:1-7
- Lamentations 3:22-23
- > *Titus 3:5*
- > Luke 6:36
- > Matthew 5:7
- ➤ Philippians 4:11-13
- ➤ Hebrews 4:16

Questions to Ponder

- 1. What are the key words or phrases in this passage?
- 2. Who are the central characters of the passage?
- 3. What are the similarities found in Taberah, Massah, & Kibrothhataavah?
- 4. What is rebellion and why does anyone rebel?
- 5. What are the reasons or basis on which Moses request mercy for Israel?
- 6. What is Moses' "best" reason for God to be merciful to Israel?
- 7. What is included in a discussion of the "greatness" of God?
- 8. Why would our enemies claim that God hates His children?
- 9. What is an example of a time when God was merciful towards you?
- 10. How often do you consider the depth and importance of God's mercy?
- 11. What are some real life situations we can extend mercy to our fellow man?
- 12. How does mercy and forgiveness fit together? or do they?