

**LORD HAVE
MERCY**

The **MOST Prayed Prayer in the Bible!**

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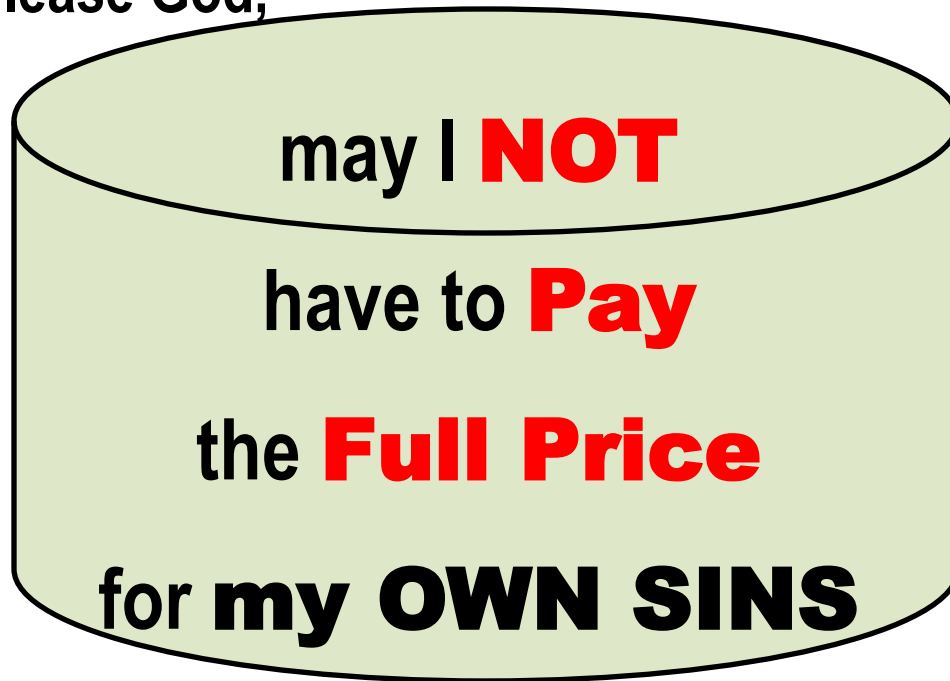
Mt. 15:22 – Canaanite Woman / Mt. 17:14-15 – Son w/Seizures

Mt. 20:29-31 – 2 blind men / Mt. 23:23 - Justice, Mercy & Faithfulness

Lk. 17:12-13 – 10 lepers / Lk 18:9-14 – Pharisee & Tax Collector

2nd of 10 – Definition of Mercy!

2. Please God,



a. Temporal → Divorce / Job / Health / Kids

b. Eternal → Most of all – stand before God – final judgement!

3. Begins from a place of **WEAKNESS** or **HELPLESSNESS!**

a. Not a negotiation!

Come on – can you cut me a break!

Mercy = total helplessness

b. 26 synonyms for helpless → → → → →

c. Weakness = Broken – every major positive character in the Bible!

i. Flesh → Defend / Fight / Deny

ii. Re-Train your Brain → Strength = Broken!
(Training a Dog) (Offensive?)

1. defenseless	14. dependent
2. destitute	15. exposed
3. disabled	16. feeble
4. forlorn	17. forsaken
5. impotent	18. friendless
6. paralyzed	19. handcuffed
7. powerless	20. inefficient
8. unable	21. inexpert
9. unprotected	22. infirm
10. weak	23. invalid
11. abandoned	24. over a barrel
12. basket-case	25. pinned
13. debilitated	26. prostrate

II Cor. 12:9-10 But he said to me, “My grace is sufficient for you, for **my power is made perfect in weakness.**” Therefore I will **boast all the more gladly about my weaknesses**, so that **Christ’s power may rest on me.** ¹⁰ That is why, **for Christ’s sake, I delight in weaknesses**, in insults, in hardships, in persecutions, in difficulties.
For **when I am weak, then I am strong.**

4. Mercy assumes **REPENTANCE!**

- a. *Luke 15* Parable of Prodigal son – son repented
- b. *John 8:10-11* – Go now and leave your life of sin

5. Mercy can be asked for when battling trying to **FLEE temptation!** *1 Cor. 10:13, Heb. 2:18*



6. Lamentations – His mercies are **NEW every morning!!!**

*Lamentations 3:22-23 It is of the **LORD'S mercies** that we are not consumed, because his compassions fail not. They are **new every morning**: great is thy faithfulness.*

7. Jesus referring to a verse “ I DESIRE MERCY NOT SACRIFICE”

- a. Mt. 9:12-13 – Jesus response to their accusations against his hanging with sinners.
- b. Mt. 12:7 – short time later – Pharisees accusing disciples of eating heads of grain.

Mt. 9:12-13 On hearing this, Jesus said, “It is not the healthy who need a doctor, but the sick.

But **go** and **learn** what this means:

‘I desire mercy, not sacrifice.’

For I have not come to call the righteous, but sinners.”

Mt. 12:7 **If you had known**

what these words **mean**,

‘I desire mercy, not sacrifice,’

you would not have condemned the innocent.



8. Mercy **leads** to **FAVOR**

- a. Both require Faith – Trusting God to fill in the gap
- b. David – Prayed both prayers more than any other man! 100 each.
- c. II Sam. 7:15-16, 19

I Sam. 7:15-16 KJV But my **MERCY** shall **not depart** away from him,
NLT But my **FAVOR** will **not be taken** from him

as I took it from Saul, whom I put away before thee.

¹⁶ *And thine house and thy kingdom shall be established for ever before thee:*
thy throne shall be established forever.

v. 19 Do you ***deal with everyone this way,*** O Sovereign Lord?

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10. **Homework** for next week!

- a. What is a **judgement**? / *Cor. 4:3-5*
- b. Is it judging to state an **action** as **wrong**?
- c. Is it judging to **bring correction** to wrong actions?
- d. Is it judging to **remove yourself** from those who consistently have wrong actions?
- e. Is it **acceptable** to **show mercy** to someone who has **not taken ownership** or **accepted responsibility** for their actions?