

*“Let the wicked forsake his way, and the unrighteous man his thoughts: and let him return unto the LORD, and He Will Have Mercy upon him; and to our God, for He will abundantly pardon.” *Isaiah 55:7 KJV**



God's Mercy is conditional! The condition is to forsake unbelief for what it is; sin. We sin, because we do not believe God is “A Consuming Fire;” we do not believe we will reap what we sow; and we do not believe God's Word! This same unbelief is what damned the whole human race in Eden's Paradise! Do you think your sin is any less damning to your posterity? It is not. Children do what they see, not what they're told! You know; you were a child. Do you remember your parent's commands or actions more? Commands are better remembered if disobedience has immediate unpleasant consequences. (Dad practiced this religiously!) Why do you think so many break the law when the police are absent? God is no different. He has given us His Commands as Blessings, which if we obey, lead us to His bountiful Provision. Provision is not the Blessing, the Command is! “Seek ye *FIRST* the Kingdom of God and His Righteousness (Word), and *ALL THESE THINGS* shall be added unto you.” Now, the only question that remains, is; “Do you really believe that?” Your deeds display the magnitude of your faith! Your disobedience proves your lack of it. “For by Grace are ye saved through Faith, and that *NOT OF YOURSELVES*; it is the *GIFT OF GOD*. Not by works of Righteousness which we have done, but according to His *MERCY* He saved us.” Obedience doesn't save you, but it does prove your faith in God's Word! “Faith is...the evidence of things *NOT SEEN*! But without faith it is *IMPOSSIBLE TO PLEASE [GOD]*!” God knows your thoughts before you think them! If that doesn't make your skin crawl, you do not believe God! “As [a man] thinketh...so is he.” What does your life say about your faith? “Let your Light so shine before men that they may see your good works (obedience) and glorify your Father which is in Heaven.” Do you glorify or shame your Heavenly Father?

God's Mercy for the penitent,
Is for the ones who will repent,
Believing and obeying God,
While they do tread the earthly sod. ~CGP

I must confess that I am guilty of unbelief. I do not excuse it! Satan fills our thoughts with worrisome chaos so we may not calmly meditate and think on God's Word throughout our day. Life is always chaotic and stressful unless you allow God's Truth to dominate all other thoughts. We must make it habitual. “In *ALL THY WAYS* acknowledge Him and He shall direct thy paths.” If we view life's chaos from the viewpoint of God we'll find that fear, stress, and worry vanish like morning fog in the noonday sun!

*“Thou wilt keep him in PERFECT PEACE, whose mind (thought) is stayed (anchored) on Thee: because he trusteth in Thee. Trust ye in the LORD for ever: for in the LORD JEHOVAH is Everlasting Strength: For He bringeth down them that dwell on high; the lofty city, He layeth it low; he layeth it low, even to the ground; He bringeth it even to the dust.” *Isaiah 26:3-5 KJV**