

*“For he shall have judgment without mercy, that hath shewed no mercy; and mercy rejoiceth against judgment.” James 2:13 KJV*



Mercy grants the undeserving a stay of execution. It isn't predicated upon any merit of the guilty, but rather upon the character and temperament of its grantor. God's mercy isn't merited by anyone! *“Not by works of righteousness which we have done, but ACCORDING TO HIS MERCY He saved us.”* Lest you think yourself sin-free, know that in God's economy *“all have sinned and come short of the Glory of God! There is none righteous: NO, NOT ONE!”* God's mercy is predicated upon His own Love and Grace which are the two defining attributes of Salvation. *“For God so LOVED the world that He GAVE His only begotten Son. For by GRACE are ye saved, through faith: And that, not of yourselves, it is the GIFT OF GOD: Not of works lest any man should boast!”* Yes, and boast man would, if he thought one speck of salvation was of his own doing. Man even boasts when it is of no avail. *“Well, I'm doing the best I can and I think it'll be good enough!”* IT IS NOT GOOD ENOUGH! *“All of our righteousnesses are as filthy rags”* in God's sight! It is epitome of arrogant pride to think that one or many of your good deeds could even hold a candle to the blood sacrifice given on your behalf by Jesus Christ on Golgotha's hill! He bore your just sentence in your stead and thinking to replace or nullify that with some proffering of good deeds is nothing but arrogant pride! Those who grant no mercy in life will find no mercy in death, *“for he shall have judgment without mercy that have shewed no mercy. Be ye therefore merciful, as your Father also is merciful. Judge not, and ye shall not be judged: condemn not, and ye shall not be condemned: forgive, and ye shall be forgiven: Give, and it shall be given unto you; good measure, pressed down, and shaken together, and running over, shall men give into your bosom. For with THE SAME MEASURE that ye mete withal it shall be measured to you again.”* It's not saying, “Don't judge.” What its saying is, “Be cautious how you judge, because the same justice you mete will be brought against you.” The absolute Truth is, *“whatsoever a man soweth that shall he also reap!”* Men call it “karma” or “fate.” God's mercy is not predicated upon men's merit, but rather upon His Holiness and Grace. He has sworn by Himself (for there is no greater) that He will show mercy to *“whosoever”* who will come through faith in His Word and kneel before Him in admission of their blood-guiltiness and sin against Him! *“For WHOSOEVER SHALL CALL upon the name of the LORD, shall be saved!”*

The humble soul will see the LORD,  
For it is written in His Word,  
That those who humbly seek His face,  
Will find in Christ amazing grace! -CGP

If you're too proud to trust God and ask for His mercy, you're too proud for Heaven! You'll spend eternity with the Prince of Pride perishing in everlasting Perdition! *“How art thou fallen from heaven, O Lucifer, son of the morning! For thou hast said in thine heart, ‘I will ascend into heaven, I will exalt my throne above the stars of God: I will be like the most High.’ Yet thou shalt be brought down to Hell, to the sides of the Pit.”* You will get everything arrogant pride deserves and then some! Mercy is granted not deserved!

*“Let all bitterness, and wrath, and anger, and clamour, and evil speaking, be put away from you, with all malice: And be ye kind one to another, tenderhearted, forgiving one another, even as God for Christ's sake hath forgiven you.” Ephesians 4:31-32 KJV*