

## Our Merciful God

### *God's mercy defined and described:*

- ❖ Mercy: "Kind and compassionate treatment of an offender, enemy, prisoner, or another person under one's power."  
Mercy is hoped for by those who are in misery or in trouble.
- ❖ God's merciful nature is frequently proclaimed, II Sam. 24:14, Ps. 86:15, 145:89, II Cor. 1:3, Eph. 2:4, Matt. 23:23.
- ❖ Jesus was repeatedly approached by troubled people who cried out for His mercy, Matt. 9:27, Mk. 10:47,48, Lk. 18:13.
- ❖ Note in OT worship the need for mercy, Lv. 16:15ff.

### *God's mercy demonstrated by Christ:*

- ❖ Mercy was a motivating factor for God sending Jesus to save us, Eph. 2:4,5, I Tim. 1:13-16, I Pt. 1:3,4, 2:10, Titus 3:5. Since we are born in sin and "children of wrath," (misery of sin), we desperately needed mercy!
- ❖ Note the close relationship between mercy and grace.  
Mercy is not getting . . .  
Grace is getting . . .

### *God's mercy to us demands we show mercy to others:*

- ❖ God's great mercy ought to motivate us to be merciful to those who offend us / enemies, Matt. 18:32,33, Lk. 6:35,36.
- ❖ Knowing God will extend more mercy to the merciful should also motivate us to be merciful, Matt. 5:7, Lk. 6:35, Js. 2:12,13.  
Question: Have I responded to His mercy? Am I merciful?

