

God's Attributes Part 6 Mercy June 2026

Mercy means showing kindness, forgiveness, or compassion toward someone when you could choose punishment, judgement or strict fairness instead.

God's mercies are new every morning. Lamentations 3:22-23 The Lord's lovingkindnesses indeed never cease, for His compassions never fail. They are new every morning; Great is Your faithfulness.

The prophet Jeremiah wrote Lamentations in a time of grief and national mourning, after the once great city of Jerusalem fell to Babylon. Lamentations describes great anguish amid great hope. The main theme of the book is God's judgment on Judah's sin as well as His compassion for His people. The book contains "loud cries" for Jerusalem and many expressions of anguish and pain. But in chapter 3 right in the middle of the book there is a beautiful passage of confidence and hope.

In times of trouble and divine judgement, God never stopped loving Israel, despite His discipline of them. It is God's great love for His people that spared them from being utterly wiped out by the Babylonians.

In the Bible, Mercy is God's withholding of a just punishment. Lamentations 3:22 refers to tender love, and great tender mercy or pity. The same word is used in Isaiah 63:7 I shall make mention of the lovingkindnesses of the Lord, the praises of the Lord, according to all that the Lord has granted us, and the great goodness toward the house of Israel, which He has granted them according to His compassion and according to the abundance of His lovingkindnesses.

Jeremiah's statement that God's mercies are "new every morning" is related to the statement that follows "great is Your faithfulness". God is unchanging, and His mercies are unfaltering. His covenant with Abraham's descendants would be kept. Jeremiah 31:35-37

Every morning demonstrates God's grace with a new beginning in which gloom must flee. We need to look no further than the breath in our lungs, the sun that shines upon us or the rain that falls to nourish the soil.

There is no expiration date on God's mercy toward us. His mercies ARE new every morning in that they are perpetual and always available to those in need.

We all have our ups and downs and we all grow tired and weary at times but God is faithful through it all. Isaiah 40:30-31 though youths grow weary and tired, and vigorous young men stumble badly, yet those who wait for the Lord will gain new strength: They will mount up with wings like eagles, they will run and not get tired, they will walk and not become weary. With the dawn of each day comes a new compassion made freshly available to us. God's compassion is poured out from an infinite store and will never run out.

Believers will still sin and grieve the Holy Spirit but forgiveness is always available when we repent. 1 John 1:8-9 If we say we have no sin, we are deceiving ourselves and the truth is not in us. If we confess our sins, He is faithful and righteous to forgive us our sins and to cleanse us from all unrighteousness. God's mercy is ready to forgive our sins as they are atoned for by the shed blood of Jesus Christ on the cross. We serve a great, loving and merciful God and because of His great love we are not consumed. Our God is for us not against us. Hebrews 13:8

God's mercies refer to His compassionate response when we deserve punishment. He withholds condemnation that we have earned and instead extends blessings.

Rather than viewing mercy as a single concept, the biblical language often employs a plural form to emphasize the fullness and tenderness of God's compassion, encompassing His kindness, patience, love and grace.

God's mercy is the unconditional, compassionate love that gives you what you need rather than what you deserve. It is often described as the act of withholding judgement when you fail, replacing it with forgiveness, restoration and a fresh start.

Unearned forgiveness. Mercy means your mistakes do not define you or dictate your ultimate fate. God tells you who you are each day. Do not let the world tell you who you are. You are who God says you are.

Renewed each day. Mercy provides constant opportunities for a fresh start, ensuring you are never truly without hope. Romans 15:13 May the God of hope fill you with all joy and peace as you trust in Him, so that you may overflow with hope by the power of the Holy Spirit.

Experiencing this kind of compassion is profoundly powerful. It relieves the weight of guilt and shame, offering emotional and spiritual healing.

Mercy is not getting what you do deserve. Judgement. Punishment.

Grace is getting what you don't deserve. Blessings. Love. Salvation.

A simple way to remember the distinction. Mercy forgives. Grace gives.

The Core differences

Mercy is compassion that spares you from a penalty. Relieving misery, forgiving sin and withholding wrath. Hebrews 4:16

Grace is unmerited favor and divine enablement. Providing eternal life, spiritual gifts, and unearned blessings. Ephesians 2:8

Reflection: Let God reveal His mercy to you. Start each day with fresh hope.

Listen to the song by Phil Wickham "What an Awesome God"

God is great, give Him all the praise
Hallelujah, Name above all names
Fire in His eyes, healing in His veins
Everywhere, His glory on display
Take a look at those stars, He can name 'em all
Before His throne every knee falls
The demons have to run, the angels have to praise
Even the winds and waves obey

Our God is an awesome God, He reigns (He reigns)
From Heaven above with wisdom, power, and love
Our God is an awesome God (our God)
Our God (our God) is an awesome God, He reigns
From Heaven above with wisdom (with wisdom), power, and love
Our God is an awesome God

And even when I ran, He didn't run away
He came and put death back in its place
Friday on a cross, broken for my shame

Sunday morning rose up from that grave
Take a look at those scars on His hands and feet
He saved our souls for eternity
Worthy is the Lamb, glory to the King
Oh, let all the saints and the angels sing

Our God is an awesome God, He reigns
From Heaven above with wisdom, power, and love
Our God is an awesome God
Our God (our God) is an awesome God, He reigns (He reigns)
From Heaven above with wisdom, power, and love
Our God is an awesome God

Eyes on the sky, there will be a day
He will come and wipe our tears away
No more fear, no more pain
No more sorrow, sin or shame
The King is coming back again
A reign of love that will never end
For everything You've done and everything You do
And everything You are, I'll sing to You

My God, You're an awesome God
You're great in all You do
I'm made to worship You
My God, You're an awesome God
What an awesome, awesome God You are
No one like You, none beside You
God, we worship You

You're worthy, You're worthy
(With wisdom, power, and love) with wisdom, power, and love
(Our God is an awesome God) oh, forever we sing

Our God is an awesome God
He reigns from heaven above with wisdom, power, and love
Our God is an awesome God (yes, our God is an awesome God)
Our God is an awesome God
He reigns from heaven above with wisdom, power, and love
Our God is an awesome God
Our God is an awesome God

Our God, what an awesome God