

## The Word of God Reveals Mercy

### Introduction

The mercy of God is something we all need. And we can find assurance and confidence in God's mercy because He has revealed it to us in His written Word.

### 57. Thou art my portion, O LORD: I have said that I would keep thy words.

- "*Thou art my portion...*" David is using **military** terms that refer to the dividing of the spoil.
- In life we have laid before us many treasures and we **choose** our portion.
- Man as a dependent being, must be possessed of some portion. Something that he may lay claim to as his **own**. - C. Bridges
- It must be a **large** portion, because we possess large capacities. If it is not a satisfying portion, we will be miserable empty creatures. - C. Bridges
- The realization of what a great treasure we have in the Lord should make us **vow** to keep His words.

### 58. I intreated thy favour with my whole heart: be merciful unto me according to thy word.

- God's favor (approval, support, help) is the one thing that we all **need**.
- We can **possess** God's favor by going after it (intreated) with our whole heart.
- Pleading for God's covenant **mercy** is one way of going after God's favor.

### 59. I thought on my ways, and turned my feet unto thy testimonies.

- Our decision to keep God's word, should not be a thoughtless impulse, but a deliberate decision, the result of much **thinking** about our old ways of sin and what it did to us.
- "*...turned my feet...*" God's ways are to be **walked** in, not just something you think about.

## 60. I made haste, and delayed not to keep thy commandments.

- *Made haste* means that he did not just sit around and **think** about it, instead he saw the need of serving God as soon as possible.
- When it comes to following God some people will doubt, delay, make **excuses**, think it over, toss it around, but when we realize that serving God is a matter of life and death, it will cause us to *delay not!*

## 61. The bands of the wicked have robbed me: but I have not forgotten thy law.

- Neither wickedness, injustice, or his sorrow at his losses, **derailed** David from the ways of God. - Philippians 3:8
- Wickedness against godly people will become more **bold** and daring when the wicked are banded together.
- Satan will do whatever he can to try to make you **forget** your God.

## 62. At midnight I will rise to give thanks unto thee because of thy righteous judgments.

- At midnight there is no one watching you, no one bothering you that is why it is a **great** time to praise God.
- Sincerity is seen in secrecy! How you serve God in secret is a great indicator of how **real** your relationship is with God.

## 63. I am a companion of all them that fear thee, and of them that keep thy precepts.

- Birds of a feather, flock together. Servants of the **same** Lord, if faithful, will join with their fellows, and not with the servants of the enemy.
- The people we choose to be friends with should be chosen on the basis of their **conduct**. - *all them that fear thee...that keep thy precepts.*

## 64. The earth, O LORD, is full of thy mercy: teach me thy statutes.

- God's never changing love (mercy) can be **found** anywhere in the world, but more than that, the earth is full of it.
- A **grateful** Christian responds to God's abundant mercy by saying, "Lord, keep me teachable."

*Guidance is a perennial problem. Which way should we go? Frankly, we don't have the wisdom in ourselves to know. All right, then. Let us turn our feet to the paths outlined in the Scriptures.*

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