

Mercy And Truth Are Met Together

I. Introduction:

- A. We are instructed to be a people of mercy (**Matthew 5:7**).
 - 1. Mercy [Strong's # 1653] is also translated as "compassion" and "pity" (**Matthew 18:15-35**). **Seen in verse 33*
 - 2. Think about the work it takes to truly be merciful (**Luke 6:27-36**).
- B. We are also instructed to be a people of truth (**III John 1:12**).
 - 1. In part, this means being honest (**Proverbs 12:19**).
 - 2. This also means being born of the truth in discussing our conversion through the Gospel (**James 1:18**).
 - 3. This also means our conduct in walking in accordance of the truth as well (**III John 1:1-3**; cf. **I John 2:3-6**).

II. Body: **Psalms 85:10**

- A. Mercy and truth concur with one another, join together (**Psalms 86:15** and **Psalms 100:5**).
 - 1. The truth of God is about salvation (**Colossians 1:3-6**).
 - a. We defend the truth to preserve salvation (**Titus 1:10-14** and **Galatians 3:1**).
 - b. We are alert; aware because of the sneakiness of false brethren (**II Peter 2:1-3** and **Jude 1:3-4**).
 - 2. When you think about God, think mercy and truth (**Psalms 86:11-15**).
- B. Solomon wrote of the importance of having mercy and truth (**Proverbs 3:1-4**).
 - 1. Solomon understood his father walked before God in truth and had thus obtained mercy (**I Kings 3:6**).
 - 2. Even when David erred, the mercy of God was highlighted (**II Samuel 24:10-25**).
 - 3. What Solomon witnessed was that mercy was granted as a result of his father's works (**Psalms 62:12**) and of God's promises (**II Samuel 22:50-51**).
 - 4. Thus, mercy and truth are met together through obedience to God's will (**Psalms 25:10**).
- C. God has a controversy with those in whom mercy and truth are not found (**Hosea 4:1**, **Isaiah 59:13-15**, and **Jeremiah 7:1-15**).
 - 1. The unmerciful (**Romans 1:18**; **28-32**).
 - 2. Those without the truth (**II Thessalonians 2:1-12**).
 - 3. Have the right balance (**Matthew 9:9-13** and **Matthew 23:23-24**).

III. Conclusion: *"By mercy and truth iniquity is purged: and by the fear of the LORD men depart from evil"* (**Proverbs 16:6**).