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PSALM 40
To the chief Musician, A Psalm of David.
I waited patiently for the Lord, and he inclined unto me, and heard my cry.
He brought me up also out of a ditch, and out of the miry clay, and set my feet upon a rock, and my goings shall be established.
And he hath put a new song in my mouth, even praise unto our God: many shall see it, and fear, and shall trust in the Lord.
Blessed is that man that maketh the Lord his trust, and respecteth not the proud, nor such as turn aside to lies.
Many, O Lord my God, are thy wonderful works which thou hast done, and thy thoughts which are to us: which they cannot be reckoned up in order unto thee: Sacrifice and offering thou didst not desire: neither hast thou required.
I will praise thee, O Lord, in the volume of the great congregation, with psalter and organ.
Thy righteousness shall be as the high tower of strength: thou shalt do thy will, O Lord, and thou shalt break down the tower of the strong.
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PSALM 42
To the chief Musician, Maschil, for the sons of Korah.
As the hart panteth after the water brooks, so my soul panteth after thee, O God.
My soul thirsteth for God, for the living God: when shall I come and appear before God?
My tears have been my meat day and night, while they continually say unto me, Where is thy God?
When I remember these things, I pour out my soul in me: for I had gone with the multitude, I went with them to the house of God, with the voice of joy and praise, with a multitude that kept holiness of joy.
Why art thou cast down, O my soul? and why art thou disquieted in me? hope thou in God, for I shall yet praise him for the help of his counsel.
O my God, my heart is cast down, and my soul is troubled: therefore will I remember thee from the hill of Incense, and of the Hierusalem, from the hill of Incense, and of the Hierusalem, from the hill of Incense, and of the Hierusalem.

PSALM 44
To the chief Musician for the sons of Korah, Maschil.
We have heard with our ears, O God, our fathers have told us, what work thou didst in their days, in the times of old.
How thou didst drive out the heathen with thy hand, and plantedst them; how thou didst afflict the people, and cast them out.
For they got not the land in possession by their own sword, neither did their own arm save them: but thy right hand, and thine arm, and the light of thy countenance, because thou hadst a favour unto them.
Thou art my King, O God: command deliverances for Jacob.
Through thee will we push down our enemies: through thy name will we tread them under that rise up against us.
For I will not trust in my bow, neither shall my sword save me.
But thou hast saved us from our enemies, and hast put them to shame that hated us.
In God we boast all the day long, and praise thy name for ever, Selah.
But thou hast cast off, and put us to shame; and goest not forth with our armies.
Thou makest us to turn back from the enemy: and they which hate us spoil for themselves.
Thou hast given us like sheep appointed for meat; and hast scattered us among the heathen.
Thou hast sold thy people for nought, and dost increase thy wealth by their price.

PSALM 45
To the chief Musician upon Shushannim, for the sons of Korah, Maschil, A Song of Love.
My heart is inditing a good matter: I speak of things which I have made touching the king: is poured into thy lips: therefore God hath blessed thee for ever.
Gird thy sword upon thy thigh, O most mighty, with thy glory and thy majesty.
And in thy majesty ride prosperously: thy right hand shall teach thee terrible things.
Thine arrows are sharp in the hear of thy king's enemies: whereby the people fall under the sceptre of thy kingdom.
Thou lovest righteousness, O God, thy God, is for ever: therefore God, thy God, is for ever.
All thy gladness above thy fellows, cassia, out of the ivory palaces, whereby thou hast made thee glad.
Kings' daughters were among thy women: upon thy right hand did stand gold of Ophir.
Hearken, O daughter, and incline thine ear: and

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“Blessed are the merciful: for they shall obtain mercy.” Matthew 5:7

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**What is Christ calling us to?
What does it mean to be merciful?
(Luke 10:33-37)**

Luke 10: 30-37

30 And Yahshua answering said, A certain man went down from Jerusalem to Jericho, and fell among thieves, which stripped him of his raiment, and wounded him, and departed, leaving him half dead.

31 And by chance there came down a certain priest that way: and when he saw him, he passed by on the other side.

32 And likewise a Levite, when he was at the place, came and looked on him, and passed by on the other side.

33 But a certain Samaritan, as he journeyed, came where he was: and when he saw him, he had compassion on him,

34 And went to him, and bound up his wounds, pouring in oil and wine, and set him on his own beast, and brought him to an inn, and took care of him.

35 And on the morrow when he departed, he took out two pence, and gave them to the host, and said unto him, Take care of him; and whatsoever thou spendest more, when I come again, I will repay thee.

*...the wicked shall be destroyed.
...the salvation of the righteous is of
...their strength in the time of trouble.
...And the Lord shall help them, and deli-
...ver them, because they trust in him.*

36 Which now of these three, thinkest thou, was neighbour unto him that fell among the thieves?

37 And he said, He that shewed mercy on him. Then said Yahshua unto him, Go, and do thou likewise.

The samaritan did not deal with the cause of the man's need by chasing the robbers and he did not complain about the failure of society to meet the man's need. The samaritan addressed the immediate need set before him and did what he could to bring RELIEF

**Mercy: A tender heart that cares
and acts for the good of others.**

1. Mercy is the Character of Elohim.

**Elohim is gracious, merciful, slow
to anger, abounding in love.**

**(Exodus 34:6-7,
Psalms 86:15, 103:1-12, 145:8-9,
Joel 2:12-13, Jonah 4:2)**

Exodus 34:6-7

6 And Yahweh passed by before him, and proclaimed, Yahweh, Yahweh El, merciful and gracious, longsuffering, and abundant in goodness and truth,

**7 Keeping mercy for thousands,
forgiving iniquity and transgression
and sin, and that will by no means
clear *the guilty*; visiting the
iniquity of the fathers upon the
children, and upon the children's
children, unto the third and to the
fourth *generation*.**

Psalms 86:15

But thou, O Yahweh, art a El full of
compassion, and gracious,
longsuffering, and plenteous in
mercy and truth.

Psalms 103:1-12

1 Bless Yahweh, O my soul: and all that is within me, *bless* his holy name.

2 Bless Yahweh, O my soul, and forget not all his benefits:

3 Who forgiveth all thine iniquities; who healeth all thy diseases;

4 Who redeemeth thy life from destruction; who crowneth thee with lovingkindness and tender mercies;

5 Who satisfieth thy mouth with good *things*; so that thy youth is renewed like the eagle's.

6 Yahweh executeth righteousness and judgment for all that are oppressed.

7 He made known his ways unto Moses, his acts unto the children of Israel.

8 Yahweh is merciful and gracious, slow to anger, and plenteous in mercy.

9 He will not always chide: neither will he keep *his anger* for ever.

**10 He hath not dealt with us after
our sins; nor rewarded us according
to our iniquities.**

**11 For as the heaven is high above
the earth, so great is his mercy
toward them that fear him.**

**12 As far as the east is from the
west, so far hath he removed our
transgressions from us.**

Psalms 145:8-9

8 Yahweh is gracious, and full of compassion; slow to anger, and of great mercy.

9 Yahweh is good to all: and his tender mercies are over all his works.

Jonah 2:12-13

12 Therefore also now, saith
Yahweh, turn ye *even* to me with
all your heart, and with fasting,
and with weeping, and with
mourning:

13 And rend your heart, and not
your garments, and turn unto
Yahweh your Elohim: for he is
gracious and merciful, slow to
anger, and of great kindness, and
repenteth him of the evil.

Jonah 4:2

And he prayed unto Yahweh, and said, I pray thee, O Yahweh, was not this my saying, when I was yet in my country? Therefore I fled before unto Tarshish: for I knew that thou art a gracious El, and merciful, slow to anger, and of great kindness, and repentest thee of the evil.

Titus 3:3-7

3 For we ourselves also were sometimes foolish, disobedient, deceived, serving divers lusts and pleasures, living in malice and envy, hateful, and hating one another.

4 But after that the kindness and love of Elohim our Saviour toward man appeared,

5 Not by works of righteousness which we have done, but according to his mercy he saved us, by the washing of regeneration, and renewing of the Holy Spirit;

**6 Which he shed on us abundantly
through Yahshua Messiah our
Saviour;**

**7 That being justified by his grace,
we should be made heirs according
to the hope of eternal life.**

Ephesians 2:4-5

4 But Yahweh, who is rich in mercy,
for his great love wherewith he
loved us,

5 Even when we were dead in sins,
hath quickened us together with
Messiah, (by grace ye are saved;)

Yahshua a Merciful High Priest (Hebrews 2:17;4:14-16)

Hebrews 2:17

Wherefore in all things it behoved him to be made like unto his brethren, that he might be a **merciful and faithful high priest** in things pertaining to Elohim, to make reconciliation for the sins of the people.

Hebrews 4:14-16

14 Seeing then that we have a **great high priest**, that is passed into the heavens, Yahshua the Son of Elohim, let us hold fast our profession.

15 For we have not an high priest which cannot be touched with the feeling of our infirmities; but was in all points tempted like as we are, yet without sin.

16 Let us therefore come boldly unto the throne of grace, that we may obtain mercy, and find grace to help in time of need.

Mercy is Elohim's calling to us.

**What does Yahweh requires of us?
(Micah 6:8)**

Micah 6:8

He hath shewed thee, O man, what
is good; and what doth Yahweh
require of thee, but to do justly,
and to love mercy, and to walk
humbly with thy Elohim?

Seven opportunities to exercise mercy:

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1. Practice mercy in material needs: (1 John 3:17-18)

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**17 But whoso hath this world's good,
and seeth his brother have need,
and shutteth up his bowels of
compassion from him, how dwelleth
the love of Elohim in him?**

**18 My little children, let us not love
in word, neither in tongue; but in
deed and in truth.**

2. Spiritual struggles

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Elohim calls us to have a tender heart towards brothers and sisters in Christ who are struggling in their faith. Have mercy on those who doubt.

(Jude 1)

Warren Wiersbe stated if he could have his time over again he would “do more to encourage God’s people.”

3. Embarrassing failures

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Love covers a multitude of sins.

1 Peter 4:8-11

Some things should not be covered over. Peter speaks about sins, not crimes, and there's an important difference. But there are a multitude of sins a merciful person will be glad to cover over.

1 Peter 4:8-11

8 And above all things have fervent charity among yourselves: for charity shall cover the multitude of sins.

9 Use hospitality one to another without grudging.

10 As every man hath received the gift, even so minister the same one to another, as good stewards of the manifold grace of Elohim.

11 If any man speak, let him speak as the oracles of Elohim; if any man minister, let him do it as of the ability which Elohim giveth: that Elohim in all things may be glorified through Yahshua Messiah, to whom be praise and dominion for ever and ever. Amen.

**C.H. Spurgeon says:
I recommend you, brothers and
sisters, always to have one blind
eye and one deaf ear.**

Notice its only one! In this sinful world you need to have one eye that sees and one ear that hears.

**C.H. Spurgeon says,
My blind eye is the best eye that I have, and my deaf ear is the best ear I have.**

A hard heart always makes a big deal of another person's failure, but a tender heart, a merciful heart, often uses the blind eye and the deaf ear!

**Elohim does not treat us as our sins
deserve or repay us according to
our iniquities. He is merciful. And
His love covers over a multitude of
sins.**

4. Slandereous gossip

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Philippians 4:8

Finally, brethren, whatsoever things are true, whatsoever things are honest, whatsoever things are just, whatsoever things are pure, whatsoever things are lovely, whatsoever things are of good report; if there be any virtue, and if there be any praise, think on these things.

Satan is the father of lies. He is always manufacturing rumors that would make a person think less of someone who is their brother or sister in Christ

Remember this: It is as bad to believe a lie as it is to tell one. It is as bad to repeat a lie as it is to invent one. There is a harshness in our culture (and too often it is creeping into the church) that is quick to believe the worst about a person, and slow to think the best.

...and the Lord shall help them, and deliver them, because they trust in him.

It is so easy to slide into making much of other people's failings and little of their strengths and virtues.

A merciful person goes the other way—he or she will make more of a person's virtues than their failings. A merciful person will close his ears to slander unless he's compelled to do otherwise.

Thomas Watson quotes..A man's name is worth more than his goods, and he that takes away the good name of another sins more than if he had taken the corn out of his field or the goods out of his shop.

The receiver of stolen goods is as bad as the thief. We must not only raise a false report, but not take it up.

You, who take away the good name of another, wound him in that which is most dear to him. Better take away a man's life than his name. It is an irreparable injury; something will remain.

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5 Unreasonable expectations

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Psalms 103:14

**For he knoweth our frame; he
remembereth that we *are* dust.**

I must remember this in relation to others. I must not set unreasonable expectations of my spouse, my children or of others who work with me. I must learn not to be surprised by discouragements and disappointments.

I must get beyond thinking that a person will be a consistent paragon of virtue simply because he or she is a Christian. I must think more about the weights and burdens others may carry, and the strength of temptations they may face. I must remember, as Elohim remembers about me, that they are dust.

6. Personal injuries

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Ephesians 4:31-32

31 Let all bitterness, and wrath, and anger, and clamour, and evil speaking, be put away from you, with all malice:

32 And be ye kind one to another, tenderhearted, forgiving one another, even as Yahweh for Messiah's sake hath forgiven you.

If someone has hurt you, injured you, or wronged you in some way, don't be surprised if at some point God puts you in a position when you have the opportunity to get your own back.

That's what happened to Joseph. His brothers wronged him terribly, but God blessed him. He became the Prime Minister of Egypt, next to Pharaoh himself. One day, the brothers needed food and they came to Egypt, and Joseph had them in his power. Now, what you do at that moment will be the most revealing thing about you. Joseph forgave his brothers. That's what mercy does.

7 Lost souls

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Jude 1:23

And others save with fear, pulling them out of the fire; hating even the garment spotted by the flesh.

**If you have mercy in your heart,
you will speak to the Father about
lost people and you will speak to
lost people about Yahshua.**

Augustine said...

**If I weep for the body from which
the soul is departed.**

**How should I weep for the soul
from which God is departed.**

A tender heart that cares and acts for the good of others will care deeply about people without Christ, and will act by sharing the Good News Of The Gospel with them.

**His mercy is not for a moment, but
for a lifetime.**

(Lamentations 3:22-23)

Lamentations 3:21-23

**21 This I recall to my mind,
therefore have I hope.**

**22 *It is of* Yahweh's mercies that
we are not consumed, because his
compassions fail not.**

**23 *They are* new every morning:
great *is* thy faithfulness.**

Psalms 23:6

**Surely goodness and mercy shall follow me all the days of my life:
and I will dwell in the house of
Yahweh for ever.**

Mercy is getting down on your hands and knees and doing something to restore dignity to someone whose life has been broken by sin!

Ring 6

“Blessed are the pure in heart: for they shall see Elohim”. Matthew 5:8



What is purity of heart?

**Purity of heart does not mean you
never have a bad thought.**

**Purity of heart does not mean
sinlessness of life. What does it
mean?**

Two things:

1. A heart that is undivided
2. A heart that is clean

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1. The blessing of an undivided heart

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Blessed is the man or woman whose heart is undivided. Yahshua returns to this theme later on in the Sermon on the Mount: (Matthew 6:22)

Matthew 6:22

The light of the body is the eye: if therefore thine eye be single, thy whole body shall be full of light.

Purity of heart is to will one thing.

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1 kings 18:21

And Elijah came unto all the people, and said, How long halt ye between two opinions? if Yahweh be Elohim, follow him: but if Baal, *then* follow him. And the people answered him not a word.

James 4:7-10

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7 Submit yourselves therefore to Elohim. Resist the devil, and he will flee from you.

8 Draw nigh to Elohim, and he will draw nigh to you. Cleanse your hands, ye sinners; and purify your hearts, ye double minded.

9 Be afflicted, and mourn, and weep: let your laughter be turned to mourning, and your joy to heaviness.

10 Humble yourselves in the sight of Yahweh, and he shall lift you up.

Paul gives us a commentary on purity of heart: (Philippians 3:13-14)

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Philippians 3:12-14

12 Not as though I had already attained, either were already perfect: but I follow after, if that I may apprehend that for which also I am apprehended of Messiah Yahshua.

13 Brethren, I count not myself to have apprehended: but this one thing I do, forgetting those things which are behind, and reaching forth unto those things which are before,

14 I press toward the mark for the prize of the high calling of Yahweh in Messiah Yahshua.

**Purity of heart is not perfection:
“Not that I have already obtained
this or am already perfect...”**

**Purity of heart is to will one thing:
“One thing I do... I press on to take
hold of the high calling for which
Yahshua took hold of me.”**

When Yahshua says, “Blessed are the pure in heart,” he is saying, “Blessed is the person whose heart is undivided.”

Psalms 86:11-12

11 Teach me thy way, O Yahweh; I will walk in thy truth: unite my heart to fear thy name.

12 I will praise thee, O Yahweh my Elohim, with all my heart: and I will glorify thy name for evermore.

2. The blessing of a clean heart

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When you believe in Yahshua, faith forms the bond of a living union in which Yahshua becomes yours and you become his. You are “His” and He is in you.

Gifts that Become Yours through Faith in Yahshua

**Three priceless gifts justification,
forgiveness and cleansing:**

1. Justification: In Yahshua, Elohim drops all charges against you

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The reason that you will enter eternal life, is *not* that you are without sin, because none of us ever is. The reason that believers enter eternal life is that Elohim does not charge their sins against them. Why?

Elohim charges our sins to the account of Yahshua, in whom these sins were judged, punished, and atoned for through his sacrifice as our sin bearer on the cross: (Isaiah 53:3-8).

Isaiah 53:3-8

3 He is despised and rejected of men; a man of sorrows, and acquainted with grief: and we hid as it were *our* faces from him; he was despised, and we esteemed him not.

**4 Surely he hath borne our griefs,
and carried our sorrows: yet we did
esteem him stricken, smitten of
Elohim, and afflicted.**

**5 But he *was* wounded for our
transgressions, *he was* bruised for
our iniquities: the chastisement of
our peace *was* upon him; and with
his stripes we are healed.**

6 All we like sheep have gone astray; we have turned every one to his own way; and Yahweh hath laid on him the iniquity of us all.

7 He was oppressed, and he was afflicted, yet he opened not his mouth: he is brought as a lamb to the slaughter, and as a sheep before her shearers is dumb, so he openeth not his mouth.

**8 He was taken from prison and
from judgment: and who shall
declare his generation? for he was
cut off out of the land of the living:
for the transgression of my people
was he stricken.**

**In Yahshua our debts have been paid in full, so that it will not and cannot be charged to us on the last day. That is the spectacular truth of justification:
(Romans 5:1-2).**

Romans 5:1-2

1 Therefore being justified by faith, we have peace with Elohim through our Master Yahshua Messiah:

2 By whom also we have access by faith into this grace wherein we stand, and rejoice in hope of the glory of Elohim.

2. Forgiveness: In Yahshua, Elohim reconciles you to himself

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When Elohim justifies, He also forgives, and reconciles us to himself in Yahshua Hamashiach (2 Corinthians 5:17-21). He never does one without the other. This is a spectacular blessing. Think about it... You were an enemy of Elohim; now he makes you His!

Romans 5:17-21

17 Therefore if any man be in Messiah, he is a new creature: old things are passed away; behold, all things are become new.

18 And all things are of Yahweh, who hath reconciled us to himself by Yahshua Messiah, and hath given to us the ministry of reconciliation;

**19 To wit, that Yahweh was in
Messiah, reconciling the world unto
himself, not imputing their
trespasses unto them; and hath
committed unto us the word of
reconciliation.**

20 Now then we are ambassadors for Messiah, as though Yahweh did beseech you by us: we pray you in Messiah's stead, be ye reconciled to Elohim.

21 For he hath made him to be sin for us, who knew no sin; that we might be made the righteousness of Yahweh in him.

3. Cleansing: In Yahshua, Elohim washes your heart and your life

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1 John 1:9

If we confess our sins, he is faithful and just to forgive us our sins, and to cleanse us from all unrighteousness.