

“Mercy” Proverbs 16:6

“In mercy and truth atonement is provided for iniquity and by the fear of the Lord one departs from iniquity”

- So far we have looked at: faithfulness, integrity, diligence, and kindness
- The word for “mercy” is the same root word for “kindness”: “*Chesed*”

I. What Role Does Mercy Play in the Atonement of Iniquity?

Atonement: means by which God *reconciles sinners to Himself (Rom 3:25)*

- Atonement: making amends for sin, *purifying, & covering it (Heb 2:17)*
- Atonement: *deliverance, covering our soul's sins against a holy God (Gal 3:13)*

II. How does Mercy Relate to Departing from Evil in the Fear of God?

- Fear of the Lord: beginning of knowledge and wisdom (*Prov 1:7*).
- Mercy & truth enable repentance & turning away from evil (*Ps 130:3-4*)
- God’s kindness, love, and forbearance lead to repentance (*Rom 2:4*).

III. How Should Mercy Received Be Reciprocated to Others?

- “Love our enemies, ...pray for those who persecute you” (*Lk 6:27-28*).
- Be merciful to one another, always ready to forgive (*Col 3:13*).
- Showing mercy reciprocates blessings & reflects God's mercy (*Matt 5:7*)

Conclusion and Application

- Our *whole lives* should be marked by mercy because all we have is mercy
- Pray to be merciful to any who have sinned against you (*Mk 11:25*)
- Be merciful to the needy (*Matt 5:7; Prov 14: 31*)