



God's Mercy:

our gateway to flying high

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MERCY

Earlier today, my pastor by the inspiration of God declared this new year, a year of good news. Such a message of promise coming from the stead of the Almighty God who does not fail must be taken seriously. God is He whose yes is yes and no, no; He does not waver nor does He disappoint.

What would make the Holy God, awesome in power and might make such a promise to feeble man? I would put it at the doorstep of God's mercy: Our gateway to flying high. Mercy is defined as leniency and compassion towards an offender by a person or agency charged with administering justice. An alleviation of distress, a disposition to be kind and forgiving towards the distressed. Mercy is required by the offender and given on behalf of the offended by the authority who has the power to grant it: it is the only way out of punishment and nemesis". Not only this, mercy brings relief to the sting of mistakes, regrets and removes the power that holds us down after making a grievous blunder.

If I can count on God's mercy, surely I would have no problems with starting over!!! Let's take a closer look at God's mercy, how it works and what triggers it as we plan to rely on it. Let me point out at the onset that the source of my facts is the Bible which based on my previous experience, have proved the words of this unique book spanning centuries consistently true.

What other thing does a man (made good but out of fragile material) need to aspire and fly high? This does not imply that we are permitted to misbehave and mess up at will and count on God's mercy as a bail out but it gives us a viable solution out of unintended mistakes and dead ends.



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We have established that man was created with the power of choice and God offers many options. Mercy is God's option to a man with missed opportunities, failings, mistakes to start over. Other options exist: complaining, blame game, regrets, depression etc. I hope none of us take any of those options as we pick up this brand new year!!

How is the option of God's mercy taken? What triggers mercy in our lives? Let me start by disagreeing with the common myth that God's mercy gives man the freedom of careless living. Nothing can be farther from the truth. The Bible makes it clear that mercy flies only in the direction of a decision to live right.

Exodus 20:6 KJV

“ And shewing mercy unto thousands of them that love me, and keep my commandments.”

On the other hand, God recognizes the human frailty. Man is predisposed to making mistakes despite all good intentions and efforts. This is also supported by the Bible :

Matthew 9:13 MSG

“ Go figure out what this Scripture means: I’m after mercy, not religion.’ I’m here to invite outsiders, not coddle insiders”

Ephesians 2:4-5 MSG

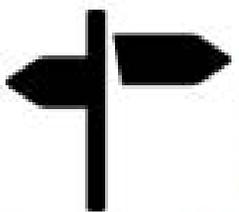
“It’s a wonder God didn’t lose his temper and do away with the whole lot of us. Instead, immense in mercy and with an incredible love, he embraced us. He took out sin-dead lives and made us alive in Christ.”

It is incontrovertible that there must be a firm intention and clear effort to live right for mercy to come. God who cannot be fooled is not impressed by mere religion or a make believe act of righteousness. God is in the business of giving out His mercy freely : granting amnesty for the unintended blunders we have committed, delivering us from the misfortunes of errors and Wremoving the depressions of failures for all of us especially those who reach out to Him.

Surely, the availability of God’s mercy makes the possibility of a start over sure irrespective of the level of mistakes we may have made! Praise God. Mercy is a doorway and grants access to the requirements of abundant living.



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