



- The Forgotten God
- Francis Chan

NOTES

- Open In Prayer:

Report: Did you ask someone "If you Can Pray for them" this Week?

Announcements:

Pre Service Prayer Sundays @ 9:50 am.

ASK and they Will Come. Call & Invite someone to one of these events coming up.

Mens BBQ at Dicks Place Friday 7pm and the Start of a Special Video Series for June/July

Church Anniversary June 23-24

Last Weeks Key point: Those who crave God's righteousness will be filled to complete satisfaction, something the world promises but never fulfills.

Follow up and review last weeks discussion What was it about?

What stood out? What Impact did it have on you, at work, with your family

What did you hear from or see from God this week?

Key Point: Point: We are obligated to be merciful, to have compassion on a person in unhappy circumstances. We are to actively desire to help remove those miseries. Just as it behooved Jesus to be merciful and free man from sin, a disciple of Jesus is obligated to be merciful to those he comes into contact with as we too have been given the ministry of reconciliation, as heirs, servants and representatives of Jesus. As representatives of Jesus, God himself, chosen by God to represent Him, as Jesus was, we are called, appointed, to make gifts and sacrifices for the sin of men.

Read Matthew 5:7 *Blessed are the merciful for they shall obtain mercy.*
-5:7 ESV

What is your definition of MERCY? _____

Share; a story of how someone showed you mercy?- _____

Merciful [1655] **eleemon** = not merely those who express acts of mercifulness, but who have this attribute as a result of the indwelling God; blessed because of Christ

Comparison of Hebrews 2:17 translations

✓ *"Therefore he had to be made like his brothers in every respect, so that he might become a merciful and faithful high priest in the service of God, to make propitiation for the sins of the people."*

✓ *KJV "Wherefore in all things it behooved him to be made like unto his brethren, that a merciful and faithful high priest in things pertaining to God, to make reconciliation for the sins of the people."*

Discuss the implications of the translations. _____

Behooved [3784] *opheilo* = to owe, to be indebted; metaphorically, to be bound or obligated to perform a duty, meaning I ought, must, followed by the inf.; of what the circumstances of time, place, or person render proper, to be fit and proper (*Heb 2:17*)

This material is to spur questions and discussion. Let the Holy Spirit guide the conversation. You DO NOT have to "get through" all the material. But to affirm the "point" of the lesson.



PRAYER ITEMS

Refer to these during the week.

- Government - Prime Minister; - Premier

Taylor W. Australia
ministry outside the Compound
- Finances for 2nd year

Kara H is Home
Pray that she might find work for the summer quickly

There are others in our church family that are looking for work and direction this Spring too. Pray for openings and guidance.

Pray for Linda Forstell
- That her Leg would heal and that she finds the best care while this happens, Pray that the Holy Spirit would boost her spirit and that she can see Gods will in all this.

- Pray that everyone in our congregation feels connected and that we all reach out to those who are not. Especially now that our regular programs are winding down. Make an effort to invite people you regularly do not "hang with" over or out for a coffee, meal or fireside. Lets put into practise what the Holy Spirit is teaching / prompting us to do: Becoming disciples that make disciples.
Pastor Larry

What did you hear or see this week?

LIVE IT:

Reflecting on what the Holy Spirit is revealing to you, What is God asking you to do about todays discussion? Who will you allow to hold you accountable to this? For you personally, what do you need to adjust in your day to put the Holy Spirit more center? How can we your group, brothers and sisters help you ?

Read Hebrews 5:1-3: **Discuss** the overall ramifications to us and in our daily life of this passage. _____

Do I offer gifts and sacrifices for the sins of the people? Do I offer myself? The gift is my sacrifice.

Read -Heb. 11:4 ESV

When we give mercy to others, we offer to God our gift of sacrifice, in faith, and are commended as righteous; just as Abel, Abraham, Jesus, Job were commended and credited with righteousness.

Discuss: Do I see mercy as an issue of faith?

Not giving someone what they deserve, and instead giving them what they don't deserve is an acceptable, encouraged, obligated sacrifice with Christ.

Reconciliation [2433] *hilaskomai* = to be kind, gentle, gracious, merciful.

- Jesus in sacrificing Himself for our sins showed Him to be merciful and faithful. His sacrifice satisfied God's justice so that, instead of God rightly demonstrating His wrath toward sinful men, He demonstrated His mercy.
- Jesus offers Himself as both victim and priest, thus satisfying the justice of God and at the same time procuring forgiveness for sins whereby man is reconciled and offered access to and communion with God.
- Jesus therefore, makes possible the taking away of sins of man without violating God's holiness.
- Therefore, it is the nature of man that is changed before God in Christ; God's nature is not changed from hatred to love, He has always and will always be Love.

"Much more then, having now been justified by His blood, we shall be saved from the wrath of God through Him." -Romans 5:9 ESV

take a moment before your Prayer time to contemplate the following:

Think back to the occasion when you were shown mercy, how did that affect your life?

Do you show mercy?

*Going back to Hebrews 2:17 is there something the Holy Spirit is revealing to you that you need to deal with? If we are walking the path that the Holy Spirit is guiding on then to be HIS; we are **opheilo**, behooved, to show mercy. **There are no if's or but's.***

Take a quiet moment and ask the Holy Spirit to help you begin the process for you to give mercy.

Share ~ Prayer Time