

“The Tenacity of God’s Gracious Mercy” 10/20/19

Jonah 1:1-16

“For whatever things were written before were written for our learning, that we through the patience and comfort of the Scriptures might have hope.” (Rom 15:4)

“Now all these things happened to them as examples, and they were written for our admonition, upon whom the ends of the ages have come.” (1 Cor 10:11)

Comparing Exodus 34:6 and Jonah 4:2

Rachum- compassionate (NASB), merciful (NKJ)

Chanun- gracious (NASB, NKJ) “Yochanan” (John) – “Yahweh is gracious”

Hesed- lovingkindness (NASB), love (NIV), goodness (NKJ)

“For as the heavens are high above the earth, So great is His mercy (hesed) toward those who fear Him” (Psalm 103:11 NKJ)

LESSON 1- The tenacity of God’s Mercy is unlimited in its EXTENT

- A. The extent of God’s mercy is given to a reluctant PROPHET
(“Flee from God’s presence” 3 X; v. 3, 10; Isaiah 55:2; Luke 15)
- B. The extent of God’s mercy is given to those fleeing to the WORLD
(James 4:4; 1 John 2:15; John 15:19; Romans 8:7)
- C. The extent of God’s mercy is given to those who DESECRATE IT
(Romans 2:4; 3:8; 6:1-15; false sense of security)
- D. The extent of God’s mercy is given to ALL who fear HIM
(Psalm 5:7; 33:8; 103:11, 17; 118:4; 147:11; Luke 1:50)

Discipleship *A disciple will meditate on how we are fleeing God and repent*
Moment

LESSON 2- The tenacity of God’s mercy is evidenced in its VICTORY

- A. The victory of God’s mercy is accomplished in the WILLING
- B. The victory of God’s mercy is accomplished in the UNWILLING
(Philippians 1:6; Psalm 115:3; Hebrews 12:4-14; Daniel 4)

“So shall My word be that goes forth from My mouth; It shall not return to Me void, But it shall accomplish what I please, And it shall prosper in the thing for which I sent it.” (Isaiah 55:11)

Discipleship *A disciple will be grateful and lean on His mercy without abusing it*
Moment

Our Vision- Striving to be Disciples who make Disciples