



THE WEEKLY COMPASS

Devotion

Delighting To Do God's Will

"1. To the choirmaster. A Psalm of David. I waited patiently for the LORD; he inclined to me and heard my cry. 2 He drew me up from the pit of destruction, out of the miry bog, and set my feet upon a rock, making my steps secure. 3 He put a new song in my mouth, a song of praise to our God. Many will see and fear, and put their trust in the LORD. 4 Blessed is the man who makes the LORD his trust, who does not turn to the proud, to those who go astray after a lie! 5 You have multiplied, O LORD my God, your wondrous deeds and your thoughts toward us; none can compare with you! I will proclaim and tell of them, yet they are more than can be told. 6 In sacrifice and offering you have not delighted, but you have given me an open ear. Burnt offering and sin offering you have not required. 7 Then I said, "Behold, I have come; in the scroll of the book it is written of me: 8 I delight to do your will, O my God; your law is within my heart." (Psalm 40:1-8)

Main Topic

Mercy! Mercy!

When we were kids, we would play submission games called 'Mercy.' We would join hands with interlocked fingers and bend each other's fingers back until one of us cried out, "Mercy!" While interlocked in life, we might find ourselves in situations where we may have to cry out, "Have mercy on us, Lord!" Mercy is the compassion shown to an offender, or to show lenient or compassionate treatment.

In Psalm, 40:1, David declares that in his waiting, the Lord heard his cry. When we cry out to the Lord, we too must learn to wait. We must show patience and confidence while waiting for God to hear our cry. While waiting in the ICU waiting area, where our brother is suffering from a massive brain bleed, we cried out to the Lord, "Have Mercy on him, Lord!" Others in the waiting area saw our faith, heard our prayers as we trust God, and praised with us as the doctors shared the good news of recovery! Solomon states, "Trust in the LORD with all your heart, and do not lean on your own understanding" (Proverbs 3:5, ESV).

In closing, when you think there is no hope, no food, shelter, or money, all your resources are depleted, and are sinking fast, cry out to God! God will show mercy and set your feet upon a rock, securing your steps.

Questions:

1. When was the last time you cried out to the Lord?
2. How did God show you mercy?

Unified Topic: The Day of
Atonement

Sunday School Lesson For

March 30, 2025

Sunday School Title

What A Day

Sunday School Scripture

Leviticus 16:11-19

Main Thought:

He shall make atonement for the sanctuary, because of the uncleanness of the people of Israel, and because of their transgressions, all their sins; and so he shall do for the tent of meetings, which remains with them in the midst of their uncleanness.

Leviticus 16:16 (NRSVue)

Closing Prayer:

Dear Father, thank you for waking me up this morning and starting me on my way! Lord, please forgive me for my sins and hear my prayer! Bless the sick and shut-in, those in the hospitals, and those traveling on the highways. Bless the bereaved families, God. Have mercy on us, and thank you Father, for saving us! In Jesus' name. Amen!

