



## NEW YEAR'S DAY

### REMINDER: HIS MERCIES ARE . . .

*The steadfast love of the Lord never ceases; His mercies never come to an end; <sup>23</sup> they are new every morning; great is Your faithfulness.*

Lamentations 3:22-23

#### I. THE PARABLE [MATTHEW 18:23-35]

#### II. THE PROMISE [LAMENTATIONS 3:22-23]

- A. Old Testament Promises [Psalm 23:6, 145:9; Proverbs 28:13; Isaiah 30:18]
- B. David's Pleas [Psalm 51:1-2, 55:1]
- C. New Testament Perspectives [Ephesians 2:4-5; Titus 3:4-6; Hebrews 4:16; James 2:13b I Peter 1:3; 2:10]

#### III. THE TESTIMONY [I TIMOTHY 1:12-17]

#### IV. THE BLESSING [JUDE 24-25]

##### Discussion Question/Prayer Focus

1. Read Lamentations 3:22-23. How do these verses encourage you? [Life Connections Study Bible]
2. Read Jude 1:24-25. With your mind focused on God and who He is reread the verse and Observe the ways in which God in His goodness reaches out to bless us, both now and forever. Notice the attributes about God listed in these verses: He is our Savior; He is wise; He is glorious and majestic; He is sovereign, powerful, and eternal. Meditate on those attributes with a spirit of gratitude for who He is and what He has done. In prayer, thank God for what He means to you. Ask Him to help you grow in your understanding of the magnitude of who He is.[Abide]

**Matthew 18:23-35** "Therefore the kingdom of heaven may be compared to a king who wished to settle accounts with his servants.<sup>24</sup> When he began to settle, one was brought to him who owed him ten thousand talents. <sup>25</sup> And since he could not pay, his master ordered him to be sold, with his wife and children and all that he had, and payment to be made. <sup>26</sup> So the servant fell on his knees, imploring him, 'Have patience with me, and I will pay you everything.'<sup>27</sup> And out of pity for him, the master of that servant released him and forgave him the debt.

<sup>28</sup> But when that same servant went out, he found one of his fellow servants who owed him a hundred denarii, and seizing him, he began to choke him, saying, 'Pay what you owe.'<sup>29</sup> So his fellow servant fell down and pleaded with him, 'Have patience with me, and I will pay you.'<sup>30</sup> He refused and went and put him in prison until he should pay the debt. <sup>31</sup> When his fellow servants saw what had taken place, they were greatly distressed, and they went and reported to their master all that had taken place. <sup>32</sup> Then his master summoned him and said to him, 'You wicked servant! I forgave you all that debt because you pleaded with me. <sup>33</sup> And should not you have had mercy on your fellow servant, as I had mercy on you?' <sup>34</sup> And in anger his master delivered him to the jailers, until he should pay all his debt. <sup>35</sup> So also my heavenly Father will do to every one of you, if you do not forgive your brother from your heart."

**I Timothy 1:12-17** I thank him who has given me strength, Christ Jesus our Lord, because he judged me faithful, appointing me to his service, <sup>13</sup> though formerly I was a blasphemer, persecutor, and insolent opponent. But I received mercy because I had acted ignorantly in unbelief, <sup>14</sup> and the grace of our Lord overflowed for me with the faith and love that are in Christ Jesus. <sup>15</sup> The saying is trustworthy and deserving of full acceptance, that Christ Jesus came into the world to save sinners, of whom I am the foremost. <sup>16</sup> But I received mercy for this reason, that in me, as the foremost, Jesus Christ might display his perfect patience as an example to those who were to believe in him for eternal life. <sup>17</sup> To the King of the ages, immortal, invisible, the only God, be honor and glory forever and ever. Amen.

**Jude 24-25** Now to him who is able to keep you from stumbling and to present you blameless before the presence of his glory with great joy, <sup>25</sup> to the only God, our Savior, through Jesus Christ our Lord, be glory, majesty, dominion, and authority, before all time and now and forever. Amen.