

MERCY IN THE MAYHEM

Joel 2:18-32

We can have hope in God because we can trust in the character of God, and in the word of God!

The LORD GOD is MERCIFUL

- His mercy is SACRED (2:18-20)
- His mercy is SOVEREIGN (2:21-27)
- His mercy SAVES (2:28-32)

“And it shall come to pass that everyone who calls on the name of the Lord shall be saved.” (2:32)



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further up, further in

1. What aspect of God’s mercy encourages you most in your life? (i.e. sacred, sovereign, saves)
2. How has God’s mercy impacted your life? What passages in scripture come to mind when you think about God’s mercy? (Ephes 2:4-5, Rom 5:8, 11:30-33, Matt 5:3,7, 2 Peter 3:9, Lam 3:22-23)
3. How do you understand God’s sacred mercy? Do you see yourself as God’s “heritage”, “his inheritance”? How should this encourage us to honor God in a world that doesn’t? (Joel 2:18-20, Ps 106:5, Deut. 6:1-6)
4. “Rejoice, and be glad, for the LORD has done great things...” (Joel 2:21) Take some time to share and consider this declaration in your own life. What does that look like?
5. Read Joel 2:25. Who, and what circumstances in your life come to mind when you think about God “restoring lost years”?
6. How does God’s sovereign mercy comfort you? (Joel 2:27, Ps.145:8-9, Isaiah 43:5, Heb 4:1)
7. What does it mean to “call on the name of the LORD”? Why is this a struggle for most? What thoughts come to mind when thinking about “the Day of the LORD,” God’s final judgment? (Joel 2:32)

“I have come home at last! This is my real country! I belong here. This is the land I have been looking for all my life, though I never knew it till now. . . . Come further up, come further in!” — C.S. Lewis, The Last Battle