

Becoming Great

Isaiah 55

1-2 Spiritual Sustenance (Jn 7:37): Come to Him, Listen - not earned (Performance)

3 Covenant of guaranteed **Mercy** (Come, Hear)

David the example of His Mercy

Shown Mercy (2 Sam 11-12): Bathsheba, Uriah, Nathan, pronounces own judgement

(2Sa 12:13) So David said to Nathan, "I have sinned against the LORD." And

Nathan said to David, "The LORD also has put away your sin; you shall not die.

contrast Saul (1 Sam 15) - self justification (20-21), fear of man (24)

Consequences: sword, wives (Absolom), child

(2Sa 12:22) And he said, "While the child was alive, I fasted and wept; for I said,

'Who can tell whether the LORD will be gracious to me, that the child may live?'

revelation of God's **Heart** of **Mercy** (Solomon)

4 David the Eternal Witness: adulterer, murderer, man after God's **HEART** (**Mercy**)

1 Sam 13:14 context - Saul's disobedience to appease the people

Greatness: choosing the Fear of the Lord over the fear of man

David the example of Godly Leadership

Showed Mercy: spared Saul twice (1 Sam 24, 26) because he Feared the Lord

Shimei (2 Sam 16) - wouldn't defend his reputation

Greatness: choosing God's judgement over Self Justification

5 Jesus will sit on the Throne of David (Isa 9:7, Lk 1:32)

(Ps 18:35) Your gentleness has made me great.

Mt 11:28-29 Come, Learn - Gentleness, Humility

Greatness: learning to Love the Lord's Mercy (Mic 7:18)

6-7 Seek Him, with Repentance (180°), for Guaranteed Abundant **Mercy**

8-9 context: **Mercy** (others?)

10-11 His Word Works over Time because of His Mercy (Patience)

12-13 His Intention: Joy, Peace, Favor - Witness of His Mercy

Performance Mentality vs Mercy Mentality (Lk 7:36-50)

(Lk 7:44-47) ⁴⁴Then He turned to the woman and said to Simon, "Do you see this woman? I entered your house; you gave Me no water for My feet, but she has washed My feet with her tears and wiped them with the hair of her head. ⁴⁵"You gave Me no kiss, but this woman has not ceased to kiss My feet since the time I came in. ⁴⁶"You did not anoint My head with oil, but this woman has anointed My feet with fragrant oil. ⁴⁷"Therefore I say to you, her sins, which are many, are forgiven, for she loved much. But to whom little is forgiven, the same loves little."

classification vs appreciation - Worship Him because of His Mercy (#1 OT song)