

WALKING IN GRACE

Scripture: Psalm 99

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“You answered them, O Lord our God; You were to them God—Who—Forgives...”

~ Psalm 99: 8 (NKJV)

Have you experienced the forgiving grace of our Lord? The people of the Bible are all sinners, with, of course, the one exception – Jesus, the son of God. God has always been the God-Who-Forgives. No one has been able to keep the Law. We all sin and fall short of what the Law demands! If we were required to obey all the law, there is no hope for any of us. When we judge other people based on the law, are we condemning ourselves? If we hold someone else accountable to the letter of the Law, does that negate the grace given to us through the precious blood of the Lamb, Jesus? Are we saying to others, Jesus’ Blood is not powerful enough to cover your sin? If we lack the faith to believe that the Blood of Jesus cannot cover their sin, can it cover ours?

Jesus does not expect us to live by the Law. That is why Jesus came to this earth, to show us the Way, to forgive us and establish a relationship with us. In the Lord’s Prayer (which are the words of Jesus), He said; *“Forgive us our sins as we forgive those who sin against us.”* If we do not show mercy to our neighbor, who is a sinner, Jesus will not show mercy to us when we sin! Yes, it is easy to point out the faults of others. It is often easy to ignore my own faults, and by pointing out the faults of my neighbors, I am actually saying, “I am a better person than my neighbor,” and that is my EGO talking. *Love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your mind and with all your strength. The second is this: Love your neighbor as yourself.*

How much do we love God? Then, as a believer, follow His commands. Have we loved our neighbor as ourselves? Have we thrown stones at the adulteress, and if so, are we bringing judgement on ourselves? My God is a God-Who-Forgives! Go and do likewise.

Prayer: O dear Lord, it is so easy to find fault in others. Help us learn to be tolerant of others and befriend others so that, we are the fragrance that attracts others to You. In the precious name of Jesus we pray. Amen.

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