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God will be gracious to you and have mercy on you

Deuteronomy chapter 13

13:17 .. he will show you mercy, have compassion on you, and increase your numbers, as he promised on oath to your forefathers.

Divine grace is a supernatural, divine favor that for many people, represents God's mercy and care for them. To receive divine grace, one can seek God's mercy through faith, piety, and good deeds. Here are some ways you can draw closer to God and have His mercy on you:

**Strong Faith:** Believing in God's existence and His mercy is the first step to connecting with Him. Through prayer and meditation, you can deepen your faith and build a closer connection with God.

**Devotional Prayer:** Prayer is a way to speak to God. Devotional prayer includes not only requests but also thanksgiving, repentance, and praise to God. By praying regularly, you can express your dependence on God and your desire for His grace.

**Follow Moral Principles:** Moral and ethical principles are important ways to stay close to God in your daily life. A code of ethics can help you maintain a good heart.

**Good Deeds and Charity:** Good deeds are acts of kindness to others, and it is also the way to let Divine grace take care of you. By helping others, giving charities, and volunteering, you can demonstrate God's love.

**Humility and gratitude:** Humility is a key quality in drawing close to God. Remember your smallness and dependence on God, and be thankful for His mercy and all that He has given you.

**Repentance and Atonement:** Repentance is the process of acknowledging one's faults and seeking God's forgiveness. Atonement is to pay for one's own mistakes and seek to repair one's relationship with God.

For God to be gracious and merciful to you, it takes a pious and kind heart, a constant pursuit of a relationship with God, and moral and ethical principles. God's grace is limitless, but it requires sincere faith and effort to feel and experience.

The Bible teaches us how to draw close to God in order to receive His grace and mercy. Here are some teachings from the Bible that can help you understand how God can be gracious and merciful to you:

**Faith and trust:** Faith is repeatedly emphasized in the Bible as the foundation of a relationship with God. Hebrews 11:6 says, "Without faith it is impossible to gain the favor of God, for those who come to God must believe that God exists and that God rewards those who seek Him." "

**Repentance and repentance:** Psalm 51:17 tells us that God does not despise repentance: "The sacrifice of God is a spirit of sorrow, and you will not despise a broken and contrite heart, O God." "

**Devotional prayer:** Matthew 7:7 encourages us to pray: "Ask, and it will be given to you; seek, and ye shall find; knock, and it will be opened to you. "

**Keep the Commandments:** Exodus 20 enumerates the Ten Commandments, which are God's moral and ethical guidelines for mankind. Keeping these commandments shows that we respect God's will.

**Caring for others:** Matthew 25:40 says, "Verily I say unto you, Inasmuch as ye have done these things unto one of the least of my brethren, ye have done unto me." This is an important lesson about caring and helping others.

**Humility:** James 4:6 tells us, "Therefore it is written, 'God opposes the proud and gives grace to the humble.'" Humility helps us to build a close relationship with God.

**Learning and Experience:** The Bible itself is a book that teaches us to know God. By reading and studying the Bible, we can gain a deeper understanding of His character and purpose.

The teachings in the Bible emphasize piety, faith, repentance, love, and humility as the keys to God's grace and mercy on you. By following these teachings, you can build a relationship close to God and feel His grace and mercy.

There are many other verses in the Bible that can help you understand how God is gracious to you and merciful to you. Here are some related Bible verses:

Ephesians 2:8-9: "For by grace you have been saved through faith; It is not of oneself, but of God, and not of works, so that no one should boast. "

Matthew 6:33: "Seek first the kingdom of God and his righteousness, and all these things will be added to you." "

Mark 11:25: "When you stand in prayer, if you remember that someone has sinned against you, forgive him." "

Psalms 145:8: "The Lord is gracious and merciful, slow to anger and full of mercy." "

James 4:10: "Humble yourselves before the Lord, and he will exalt you." "

Luke 6:36: "Be merciful, therefore, as your Father did." "

Isaiah 55:7: "Let the wicked forsake their ways; Let the wrongdoer turn from his thoughts to the Lord, and the Lord will have mercy on him. Give it to our God, for God will forgive widely. "

These verses emphasize the importance of faith, mercy, forgiveness, humility, and love. By following these teachings, you can draw close to God and expect His grace and mercy. God's grace is limitless, and as we follow the teachings of the Bible with a godly heart, He will hear our prayers, have mercy on us, and let His grace shine in our lives.

## We pray together

Heavenly Father, we gather before you and humbly come to your throne. Listen to our prayers. Give us the wisdom and strength to follow your path and serve you with devotion.

Give us the faith to always believe in your existence and your love for us. Help us to remain steadfast in our faith in the face of difficulties and challenges, knowing that you are faithful and that you will never abandon your children.

Give us the humility to learn to rely on your grace and not on our own strength. Help us to understand your will and the wonderful plan you have prepared for us.

Give us love and forgiveness and learn to forgive those who have hurt us, just as you have forgiven us. Help us love one another, build a united and harmonious community, and demonstrate your love and peace.

Heavenly Father, we ask You to protect and bless our families and friends. Please protect our communities and nations so that we can live in peace and pursue justice and truth.

Finally, please let us feel your grace and love every day, let your light shine in our lives, and make us instruments to spread your love. In the name of Jesus Christ I pray, Amen.

## Deuteronomy chapter 13

De. 13:1 If a prophet, or one who foretells by dreams, appears among you and announces to you a miraculous sign or wonder,

De. 13:2 and if the sign or wonder of which he has spoken takes place, and he says, "Let us follow other gods" (gods you have not known) "and let us worship them,"

De. 13:3 you must not listen to the words of that prophet or dreamer. The LORD your God is testing you to find out whether you love him with all your heart and with all your soul.

De. 13:4 It is the LORD your God you must follow, and him you must revere. Keep his commands and obey him; serve him and hold fast to him.

De. 13:5 That prophet or dreamer must be put to death, because he preached rebellion against the LORD your God, who brought you out of Egypt and redeemed you from the land of slavery; he has tried to turn you from the way the LORD your God commanded you to follow. You must purge the evil from among you.

De. 13:6 If your very own brother, or your son or daughter, or the wife you love, or your closest friend secretly entices you, saying, "Let us go and worship other gods" (gods that neither you nor your fathers have known,

De. 13:7 gods of the peoples around you, whether near or far, from one end of the land to the other),

De. 13:8 do not yield to him or listen to him. Show him no pity. Do not spare him or shield him.

De. 13:9 You must certainly put him to death. Your hand must be the first in putting him to death, and then the hands of all the people.

De. 13:10 Stone him to death, because he tried to turn you away from the LORD your God, who brought you out of Egypt, out of the land of slavery.

De. 13:11 Then all Israel will hear and be afraid, and no-one among you will do such an evil thing again.

De. 13:12 If you hear it said about one of the towns the LORD your

God is giving you to live in

De. 13:13 that wicked men have arisen among you and have led the people of their town astray, saying, "Let us go and worship other gods" (gods you have not known),

De. 13:14 then you must enquire, probe and investigate it thoroughly. And if it is true and it has been proved that this detestable

thing has been done among you,

De. 13:15 you must certainly put to the sword all who live in that town.

Destroy it completely, both its people and its livestock.

De. 13:16 Gather all the plunder of the town into the middle of the public square and completely burn the town and all its plunder as a whole burnt offering to the LORD your God. It is to remain a ruin for ever, never to be rebuilt.

De. 13:17 None of those condemned things shall be found in your hands, so that the LORD will turn from his fierce anger; he will show you mercy, have compassion on you, and increase your

numbers, as he promised on oath to your forefathers, De. 13:18 because you obey the LORD your God, keeping all his commands that I am giving you today and doing what is right in his eyes.

In Chapter 13, Moses warns the Israelites about false prophets who may arise among them, as well as family members or friends who may try to lead them away from the worship of God. He instructs them to test the prophets and those who claim to have messages from God, to see if their words are consistent with God's commands. Moses then goes on to emphasize the seriousness of idolatry and false worship. He instructs the Israelites to completely destroy any city that turns away from God and begins to worship other gods. He also warns them not to be swayed by anyone who tries to entice them to worship other gods.

Furthermore, Moses instructs the Israelites to never add or subtract from God's commands, and to obey them completely. He reminds them that obeying God's commands will lead to blessings, while disobedience will lead to curses. Overall, Chapter 13 emphasizes the importance of remaining faithful to God and avoiding false prophets and false worship. Moses instructs the Israelites to test those who claim to have messages from God, and to completely destroy any city that turns away from God. He reminds them to obey God's commands and warns them of the consequences of disobedience.

Here are some key verses from Chapter 13 of the Book of Deuteronomy in the Christian Bible:

1. "If a prophet, or one who foretells by dreams, appears among you and announces to you a sign or wonder..." (Deuteronomy 13:1)
2. "If what he predicts in the name of the Lord does not take place or come true, that is a message the Lord has not spoken. That prophet has spoken presumptuously, so do not be alarmed." (Deuteronomy 13:3)
3. "If your very own brother, or your son or daughter, or the wife you love, or your closest friend secretly entices you, saying, 'Let us go and worship other gods'...you must not yield to them or listen to them." (Deuteronomy 13:6-8)
4. "You must certainly put them to death. Your hand must be the first in putting them to death, and then the hands of all the people." (Deuteronomy 13:9)
5. "Then all Israel will hear and be afraid, and no one among you will do such an evil thing again." (Deuteronomy 13:11)

These verses speak to the importance of staying true to God and not being led astray by false prophets or those who would entice the Israelites to worship other gods. The verses caution against being deceived by signs or wonders and warn that those who speak presumptuously in the name of the Lord will be exposed. The verses also call for strict punishment for those who

lead others astray, emphasizing that it is necessary to put them to death. Ultimately, the goal is to keep Israel from doing evil and to ensure that everyone hears and is afraid of the consequences of turning away from God.

Chapter 13 of the Book of Deuteronomy addresses the issue of false prophets and the danger of idolatry. Here is a reflection on some key themes and lessons from this chapter:

**Testing the Prophets:** Moses warns the Israelites about false prophets who may arise among them, performing signs and wonders to lead them astray. He cautions them not to follow such prophets, even if their signs and wonders seem impressive. This reminds us of the need to test the messages we hear and the teachings we encounter, ensuring that they align with the truth of God's Word.

**Loyalty to God:** Moses emphasizes the importance of remaining loyal to the Lord and not turning away from His commands. He warns against the temptation to follow after other gods and worship them. This underscores the need for unwavering devotion to God and the rejection of any form of idolatry or false worship.

**Rejecting False Influences:** Moses instructs the Israelites to reject anyone, even family members or close friends, who entices them to worship other gods. He emphasizes the seriousness of idolatry and the importance of maintaining a steadfast commitment to God. This reminds us of the need to distance ourselves from influences or relationships that may lead us away from God's truth and commands.

**Punishment for Idolatry:** Moses declares that those who entice others to worship other gods should be put to death. This reflects the severity of idolatry in God's eyes and serves as a warning of its destructive nature. It underscores the need for strong measures to combat false beliefs and practices that can lead people astray.

**Wholehearted Devotion to God:** Moses emphasizes the call to love the Lord with all their heart and soul and to serve Him alone. He encourages the Israelites to diligently keep His commandments and walk in His ways. This highlights the importance of wholehearted devotion to God and a sincere commitment to follow His will.

**Preserving True Worship:** Moses emphasizes the need to preserve the true worship of God, guarding against false influences and teachings. He calls for the destruction of any idols or false

altars that may be found in the land. This teaches us the importance of upholding the purity and integrity of our worship, ensuring that it is directed solely towards God.

In summary, Deuteronomy 13 prompts reflection on the themes of testing the prophets, loyalty to God, rejecting false influences, punishment for idolatry, wholehearted devotion to God, and preserving true worship. These reflections call us to discern the truth, reject false teachings, remain loyal to God, guard against idolatry, and wholeheartedly devote ourselves to the worship and service of God alone. They remind us of the importance of staying grounded in God's Word and remaining vigilant against deceptive influences that can lead us astray from the truth.