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## Where Cometh Mercy?

We fool ourselves, believing man's justice is righteous; innocent men and women are convicted by courts by hatred prosecutors and timid Public Defenders. Judges send innocent people to prison, washing their hands of a life taken.

Even those who were guilty are given no inch; no man or woman called a judge takes into consideration that every human being, given opportunity, can redeem himself and become an asset to society. But in a country consumed in mass incarceration, fellow Americans are not equal, nor redeemable.

And prisons, especially federal prisons like USP Tucson, specialize in torment, persecution and even torture of inmates. After all, who will care? God will not hear; He will not answer.

Fools these people be; have they forgotten who God is?

"Well, inmates deserve nothing, they are a menace to society!"

Psalm 103:8 "The Lord is merciful and gracious, slow to anger and abounding in mercy."

"I beat inmates who look at me the wrong way; who cares about 'em!"

Exodus 34:6 "The Lord, the Lord God, merciful and gracious, longsuffering and abounding in goodness and truth, keeping mercy for thousands..."

"I watched an inmate rape another, and laughed at the victim. Serves him right!"

Psalm 112:4 "Unto the upright there arises light in the darkness; He is gracious, and full of compassion, and righteous."

"I saw legal papers of an inmate that proved he was wrongly sentenced... I tossed them in the trash so he couldn't make his appeal."

Jonah 4:2 "For I know that You are a gracious and merciful God, slow to anger and abundant in loving kindness, One who relents from doing harm."

"I waited until an inmate was about to get a visit from his family, and made up a false charge to put him in the Special Housing Unit for an 'investigation'. I love that!"

Joel 2:13 "So rend your heart, and not your garments; return to the Lord your God, for He is gracious and merciful, slow to anger and great in kindness, and He relents from doing harm."

"I told two inmates in the library that it's a violation to open a Bible with 2 or more people. I lied and said it had something to do with 'church and state'."



Nehemiah 9:17 "But You are God, ready to pardon, gracious and merciful, slow to anger, abundant in kindness, and did not forsake them".

"I had to doze of inmates, telling them we couldn't let them use the phones during the COVID-19 pandemic. Truth was, I could have, but they don't deserve to talk to anybody".

Nehemiah 9:31 "Nevertheless in Your great mercy, You did not utterly consume them nor forsake them; for You are God, gracious and merciful".

"One inmate's dad died, and the family called the prison to ask us to tell them. Not our problem, he shouldn't never get locked up!"

II Chronicles 30:9 "...for the Lord your God is gracious and merciful, and will not turn His face from you if you return to Him".

"I love coming to work and making life hard for the inmates. I love my job!"

Psalms 77:9 "Has God forgotten to be gracious? Has He in anger shut up His tender mercies?"

No, God has not forgotten - but man has. No man working in a prison is God, to judge, nor to execute persecution. When men and women in prison do this, they then represent the hidden venom of America; people in authority who torment others, and hide behind a shield or badge.

Fools - know they not God sees this?

Mercy comes from God, and those who know Him. Prisons like USP Tucson, who have cast off godly compassion for torment, are those who embrace racial and social injustice, yet fool themselves to think that those in prison cells are the wicked, and reject mercy on men and women, who in God's eyes, are redeemable.

Be warned, you who torment others, he who shows no mercy will not receive it when he needs it. Would you care to wager who God will have mercy on?

My money's on us, since you refuse to show mercy.