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**SESSION 4 | The Mercy of God**

**I. INTRODUCTION**

- A. Basic definition of God's mercy: "God's goodness toward those in misery and distress" (Grudem)
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
- B. Key verse, Isaiah 43:25: "I, I am he who blots out your transgressions *for my own sake*, and I will not remember your sins"
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
- C. Thesis: God's passionate pursuit of his own glory is the greatest news in the world for helpless sinners in need of mercy
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
- D. Context and background of Isaiah 43

**II. WE ARE HELPLESS SINNERS IN NEED OF MERCY**

Exposition and explanation of Isaiah 43:22-28

### III. GOD'S PASSIONATE PURSUIT OF HIS OWN GLORY IS THE GREATEST NEWS IN THE WORLD FOR HELPLESS SINNERS IN NEED OF MERCY

#### Exposition and explanation of Isaiah 43:25

- A. Spurgeon quote on Isaiah 43:25 – a verse that unlocks the most liberating truth in all of history:

“There are some passages of sacred writ which have been more abundantly blessed to the conversion of souls than others. They may be called salvation texts. We may not be able to discover how it is, or why it is, but certainly it is the fact, that some chosen verses have been more used of God to bring men to the cross of Christ than any others in His word. Certainly they are not more inspired, but I suppose they are more noticeable from their position, from their peculiar phraseology more adapted to catch the eye of the reader, and more suitable to a prevailing spiritual condition. All the stars in the heavens shine very brightly, but only a few attract the eye of the mariner, and direct his course; the reason is this, that those few stars from their peculiar grouping are more readily distinguished, and they eye easily fixes upon them. So I suppose it is with those passages of God's Word which especially attract attention, and direct the sinner to the cross of Christ. It so happens that this text is one of the chief of them.”

- B. The cross of Christ as the highest expression of God's mercy. There is simply no greater gift that God could give to us – *for though He were to create for us a million worlds to enjoy, He could only give us one Son!*

### IV. CONCLUSION AND APPLICATION

- A. We are to embrace God's mercy with utmost confidence