

## MercEmail A Weekly Devotional by Steve Higginbotham

### **If There's A God...**

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Have you heard the story about a very militant, atheistic professor who made it a point in his class to belittle the faith of those who believed in God. After spending nearly a semester of ridiculing Christianity, he felt rather confident to sarcastically ask, "Are there any believers in God in this class?" He didn't expect anyone to respond, but one young man did. He said, "Yes, I'm a believer in God."

The professor reveled in the thought of making a fool of this young man, so he stood before the class, looked up toward the ceiling with outstretched arms and said, "If there's an all powerful God out there, I challenge you to strike me dead right now!" A hush fell over the classroom for a moment, then the professor arrogantly smirked and said, "See, if your God exists why am I still standing here? This is proof that your God doesn't exist."

Very calmly, the young man said, "No professor, this isn't proof that my God doesn't exist. However it is proof of something. It's proof that the God I serve is a merciful God."

"The fool has said in his heart, 'There is no God...'" (Psalm 14:1).