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"He delights in mercy" (Micah 7:18)

Say What You Mean

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The story is told of a man who died and his daughter was trying to make arrangements for his funeral. She got with the singers and told them that her Daddy always wanted "*Jingle Bells*" sung at his funeral. The singers, a bit taken back by such a strange request, asked her if she was sure. She replied, "Yes, I'm sure. Daddy always loved that song and sang it all the time."

So the next day at the funeral, the singers sang "*Jingle Bells*" at the old man's funeral. As the funeral came to a close, the daughter, wasting no time, headed straight for the singers and angrily said, "Not '*Jingle Bells*!' I meant '*When They Ring Those Golden Bells*!'"

Well friends, don't things like that happen to us all the time. Someone will say one thing, but mean another, and expect us to know the difference! There's no way to satisfy a person like that. But the good news is that God says what he means and means what he says. He is faithful (1 Thessalonians 5:24), and his precepts are sure (Psalm 111:7). In other words, you'll never hear God tell you, "Well, that's what I said, but that's not what I meant."

Take comfort! God always means just what he says.