

A GOD WHO DELIGHTS IN MERCY

(Micah 7:18-19)

- Introduction:
1. What is your perception of God?
 2. This passage in Micah speaks volumes about the God we serve — giving us hope, comfort, security, and confidence.
 3. Let's take a closer look at some of the implications of this passage.

I. Micah 7:18-19

- A. "Who is a God like You?"
1. (Exodus 15:11).
 2. Here, it is not God's creative work, but His redemptive work that is so amazing.
- B. "Pardoning Iniquity."
1. Man's greatest need is pardon.
 2. (Romans 3:23; 6:23).
 3. Note the imagery — "casting them into the sea." (Psalm 103:8-12).
- C. "He delights in mercy."
1. He is not compelled by His goodness — He delights in it.
 2. He is not obligated by our obedience — He delights in it.
 3. God's delight is Satan's defeat; what thrills God frustrates Satan.

II. Passages Demonstrating God's Delight

- A. (Luke 15:11-32) The prodigal son.
- B. (Matthew 18:23-35) Forgiveness of an unpayable debt.
- C. (Luke 23:43) The thief on the cross.

III. Why Then Do Some Feel Unforgiven?

- A. You may lack trust in God
1. (1 Thessalonians 5:23-24).
 2. (Hebrews 6:9-20).
 3. (2 Timothy 1:12).
- B. You may not qualify for pardon.
1. (Numbers 14:18).
 2. (Acts 2:37-38).
 3. (Acts 8:22).

- Conclusion:
1. We have so much for which to be thankful — we serve a God who delights in forgiveness and mercy!
 2. It is for this very reason you ought to come to God accepting His offer of salvation — "Knowing that the goodness of God leads you to repentance" (Romans 2:4).