

He Forgives Failures

iGod: His Character Playlist, Part 7
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"The Lord our God is merciful and forgiving,
even though we have rebelled against him."
(Daniel 9:9, NIV)

I) HOW CAN GOD LOOK PAST FAILURES?

- 1) God's mercy keeps us from punishment we DO DESERVE.
- 2) God's grace gives us power and peace we DON'T DESERVE.
- 3) God's forgiveness is pardon that FLOWS from mercy & grace.

"You are forgiving and good, O Lord, abounding in love to all who call on you... You, O Lord, are a merciful and loving God, always patient..." (Psalm 86:5&15, NIV&TEV)

II) HOW GOD FORGIVES OUR FAILURES

5 key forgiveness promises of God

1) The AMNESIA promise.

"I will forgive...and I will no longer remember their wrongs." (Jeremiah 31:34b, TEV)

2) The EAST-WEST promise.

"As far as the east is from the west, so far does he remove our sins from us."
(Psalm 103:12, TEV)

3) The DEEP SEA promise.

"...you will... hurl all our iniquities into the depths of the sea." (Micah 7:19, NIV)

4) The STAIN REMOVAL promise.

"The Lord says, 'Now, let's settle the matter. You are stained red with sin, but I will wash you white as snow.'" (Isaiah 1:18, TEV)

5) The SHOWER FRESH promise

"If we confess... he will keep his promise and do what is right... and cleanse us from all unrighteousness."
(1 John 1:9, TEV & NAS)

III) HOW WE HAVE FAILURES FORGIVEN

***Forgiveness involves going to the right PERSON
on the right PATH with the right PERSPECTIVE.**

4 steps toward God's forgiveness...

(from Psalm 51, TEV)

Step #1) ASK God directly first.

"Be merciful to me, O God, because of your constant love. Because of your great mercy..."
(Psalm 51:1, TEV)

"...You do not have, because you do not ask God."

(James 4:2b, NIV)

Step #2) ADMIT your sin fully.

"I recognize my faults... I have sinned against You [God]— only against You— and done what You consider evil... Sincerity and truth are what you require; fill my mind with your wisdom."
(Psalm 51:3-4&6, TEV)

Step #3) ACCEPT God's total forgiveness.

"Cleanse me with hyssop and I will be clean. Wash me and I will be whiter than snow... Create a pure heart in me, O God, and put a new and loyal spirit in me."
(Psalm 51:7&10, NIV)

"...you will not reject a humble and repentant heart."

(Psalm 51:17b, TEV)

Step #4) ADORE God in joy and faithfulness.

"Let me hear the sounds of joy and gladness...I will once again be happy... Give me again the joy that comes from your salvation and make me willing to obey you."
(Psalm 51:8&12, TEV)

"Has no one condemned you?' 'No one, sir,' she said. Then neither do I condemn you,' Jesus declared. Go now and leave your life of sin.'" (John 8:10b-11, NIV)