



MUSCULAR

MERCY!

(MASCULINE,

FORGOTTEN SIDE)

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TEXT: Genesis 19:15 And when the morning arose, then the angels hastened Lot, saying, Arise, take thy wife, and thy two daughters, which are here; lest thou be consumed in the iniquity of the city.

16 And **while he lingered, the men laid hold upon his hand**, and upon the hand of his wife, and upon the hand of his two daughters; **the LORD being merciful unto him**: and they brought him forth, and set him without the city.

Genesis 19:19 Behold now, thy servant hath found grace in thy sight, and thou hast **magnified thy mercy, which thou hast shewed unto me in saving my life...**

Leviticus 19:17 Thou shalt **not**
hate thy brother in thine heart:
thou shalt in any wise **rebuke**
thy neighbour, and not suffer
sin upon him.

Revelation 3:19 As many
as **I love**, **I rebuke and**
chasten: be zealous
therefore, and repent.

Hebrews 12:6 For whom the
Lord **loveth** he **chasteneth**,
and scourgeth every son
whom he receiveth.

Proverbs 13:24 He
that spareth his rod
hateth his son...

Micah 6:8 He hath shewed thee, O man, what is good; and what doth the LORD require of thee, but to do justly, and to **love mercy, and to walk humbly with thy God?**

**Genesis 32:10 I am not
worthy of the least of **all the
mercies**, and of all the truth,
which thou hast shewed unto
thy servant...**

**Psalm 89:1 I will sing
of the mercies of the
LORD for ever...**

**Psalm 94:1 O LORD God, to
whom vengeance belongeth; O
God, to whom vengeance
belongeth, shew thyself.**

**18 When I said, My foot slippeth;
thy mercy, O LORD, held me up.**

Ruth 2:16 And let fall also some of the handfuls of purpose for her, and leave them, that she may glean them, and rebuke her not.

Hosea 11:3 I taught Ephraim
also to go, taking them by
their arms; but **they knew
not that I healed them.**

**Hosea 2:8 For she did
not know that I gave
her corn, and wine, and
oil...**

Numbers 22:20 And God came unto Balaam at night, and said unto him, **If the men come to call thee, rise up, and go with them; but yet the word which I shall say unto thee, that shalt thou do.**

21 And Balaam rose up in the morning, and saddled his ass, and went with the princes of Moab.

22 And God's anger was kindled because he went: and **the angel of the LORD stood in the way for an adversary against him. Now he was riding upon his ass, and his two servants were with him.**

Numbers 22:25 And when the ass saw the angel of the LORD, she thrust herself unto the wall, and crushed Balaam's foot against the wall: and he smote her again.

27 And when the ass saw the angel of the LORD, she fell down under Balaam: and Balaam's anger was kindled, and he smote the ass with a staff.

Numbers 22:28 And the LORD opened the mouth of the ass, and she said unto Balaam, What have I done unto thee, that thou hast smitten me these three times?

29 And Balaam said unto the ass, Because thou hast mocked me: I would there were a sword in mine hand, for now would I kill thee.

Numbers 22:30 And the ass said unto Balaam, Am not I thine ass, upon which thou hast ridden ever since I was thine unto this day? was I ever wont to do so unto thee? And he said, Nay.

Numbers 22:32 And the angel of the LORD said unto him, Wherefore hast thou smitten thine ass these three times? behold, I went out to withstand thee, because thy way is perverse before me:

33 And the ass saw me, and turned from me these three times: unless she had turned from me, surely now also I had slain thee, and saved her alive.

2 Peter 2:15 Which have forsaken the right way, and are gone astray, **following the way of Balaam** the son of Bosor, who loved the wages of unrighteousness;

16 But was rebuked for his iniquity: the dumb ass speaking with man's voice **forbad the madness** of the prophet.

Jude 1:11 Woe unto them! for they have gone in the way of Cain, and ran greedily after the error of Balaam for reward, and perished in the gainsaying of Core.

Psalms 19:13 **Keep back thy servant also from presumptuous sins;** let them not have dominion over me: then shall I be upright, and I shall be innocent from the great transgression.

Genesis 20:6 And God said unto him in a dream, Yea, I know that thou didst this in the integrity of thy heart; for **I also withheld thee from sinning against me:** therefore suffered I thee not to touch her.

1 Samuel 25:32 And David said to **Abigail**,
Blessed be the LORD God of Israel, **which**
sent thee this day to meet me:

33 And blessed be thy advice, and blessed
be thou, **which hast kept me this day** from
coming to shed blood, and from avenging
myself with mine own hand.

Hosea 2:6 Therefore, behold, I will hedge up thy way with thorns, and make a wall, that she shall not find her paths.

7 And she shall follow after her lovers, but she shall not overtake them; and she shall seek them, but shall not find them...

Jeremiah 23:14 I have seen also in the prophets of Jerusalem an horrible thing: they commit adultery, and walk in lies: **they strengthen also the hands of evildoers, that none doth return from his wickedness...**

**"Restraining grace and restraining providences (even sicknesses and trials) are great blessings when they stop us in a course of sin."
(*JFB Commentary*)**

"When men forget, or consider not that their comforts come from God, He will often in **mercy take them away, to bring them to think upon their folly and danger."**

(Matthew Henry)

"Restraining mercy is fact in every life...The friends who counsel and warn..."

(Pulpit Commentary)

"...when the soul has been brought face to face with a terrible sin...and kept from committing it by what is called a **narrow chance**, then the good hand of God is distinctly recognized."
(Pulpit Commentary)

**"The refined spirit of a Christian,
shrinking in horror at the very
thought of what might have been
cannot but say, "Blessed be the
Lord God.'"**

(Pulpit Commentary)

"It is a very dangerous thing for a man to make a boast and say, 'Such and such a sin I never could be tempted to commit'...There are **ten thousand hands of mercy** holding us up, there are **ten thousand hands of mercy** holding us back, or we would long ago have gone over the precipice....**Oh, the restraining mercy of God!** Have you never celebrated it? Have you never rejoiced in it?"
(Talmage, 1875)

Job 33:15 In **a dream, in a vision of the night**, when deep sleep falleth upon men, in slumberings upon the bed;

16 Then **he openeth the ears of men**, and sealeth their instruction,

17 **That he may withdraw man from his purpose, and hide pride from man.**

Job 33:18 He keepeth back his soul from the pit, and his life from perishing by the sword.

19 He is chastened also with pain upon his bed, and the multitude of his bones with strong pain:

Job 33:29 Lo, all these things
worketh God oftentimes with man,
**30 To bring back his soul from the
pit,** to be enlightened with the light
of the living.

Psalms 73:2 But as for me, my feet were almost gone; **my steps had well nigh slipped.**

3 For I was envious at the foolish, when I saw the prosperity of the wicked.

Psalms 73:14 For all the day long have I been plagued, and chastened every morning.

15 If I say, I will speak thus; behold, I should offend against the generation of thy children.

16 When I thought to know this, it was too painful for me;

**Psalms 73:21 Thus my heart was
grieved, and I was pricked in my
reins.**

**22 So foolish was I, and ignorant: I
was as a beast before thee.**

Acts 9:5 And he said, Who art thou, Lord? And the Lord said, I am Jesus whom thou persecutest: it is hard for thee to **kick against the pricks.**

"...when we hear of the sins of others is, how much we ourselves owe to the restraining mercy of our God..if God's STRONG HAND had not in mercy kept us back..."

(John Buxton Marsden, 1847)

**Psalms 119:67 Before I
was afflicted I went
astray: but now have I
kept thy word.**

Matthew 24:40 Then shall
two be in the field; **the**
one shall be taken, and
the other left.

**Genesis 5:24 And Enoch
walked with God: and he
was not; for God took
him.**

Hebrews 11:5 By faith Enoch was translated that he should not see death; and was not found, because **God had translated him...**

Revelation 3:10 Because thou hast kept the word of my patience, **I also will keep thee from the hour of temptation,** which shall come upon all the world, to try them that dwell upon the earth.

2 Peter 2:7 And delivered just **Lot**,
vexed with the filthy conversation of
the wicked:

9 The **Lord knoweth how to deliver the
godly out of temptations**, and to
reserve the unjust unto the day of
judgment to be punished: