

Gods Merciful Character

Psalm 86:5 - For You Lord, are good and ready to forgive and abundant in mercy to ALL those who call upon You

Isaiah 43:25 - I even I, am He who blots out your transgressions for My own sake, and I WILL NOT remember your sins

Micah 7:18-19 (paraphrase)

Who is a God like you, who pardons sin and forgives transgressions. You do not stay angry forever but you delight to show mercy. You will again have compassion on us. You will tread our sins under foot and hurl all of our iniquities into the depths of the sea.



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Psalm 103:

v 2-3

Bless the Lord, O my soul and forget not all His benefits. Who **FORGIVES** all your iniquities and who heals all your diseases.

v 8

The Lord is merciful and gracious, slow to anger and abounding in mercy!

v 10-12

He has not dealt with us according to our sins, nor punished us according to our iniquities. For as the heavens are high above the earth, so great is His mercy toward those who fear Him. As far as the east is from the west, so far has He removed our transgressions from us!



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Jesus warns us:

Matthew 6:12 - The Lord's prayer. 'Forgive us our debts as we forgive our debtors'

Mathew 6:14-15 - For if you forgive men their trespasses, your Heavenly Father will forgive you, but, if you do not forgive men their trespasses, neither will your father forgive your trespasses.

Mark 11:25 (NKJV) - and when you stand praying – forgive, if you have anything against anyone, so that your Heavenly Father may also forgive your trespasses.

Mark 11:26...But if you do not forgive, neither will your Father in heaven, forgive your trespasses.



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Practical Steps to deal with offences:

1. Take the offence to God in prayer

Remember how Jesus paid for you to be forgiven, and also for the offender

2. Choose to forgive

Deut 30:19 – I set before you life or death. Healing follows in time.

3. PRAY for the offender

4. GET HELP from a mature person - if necessary

5. STAND

Realise there will be a battle in the mind (Eph 6:13)
Don't nurse it! Don't rehearse it!



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