

Theme:

**Between Righteousness and Mercy**

Choices of Scriptures, choose one:

**Psalms 20**

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**Judges 9:7-15**

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**1 John 2:18-28**

18 Little children, it is the last time: and as ye have heard that antichrist shall come, even now are there many antichrists; whereby we know that it is the last time. 19 They went out from us, but they were not of us; for if they had been of us, they would no doubt have continued with us: but they went out, that they might be made manifest that they were not all of us. 20 But ye have a function from the Holy One, and ye know all things. 21 I have not written unto you because ye know not the truth, but because ye know it, and that no lie is of the truth. 22 Who is a liar but he that denieth that Jesus is the Christ? He is an antichrist, that denieth the Father and the Son. 23 Whosoever denieth the Son, the same hath not the Father: he that acknowledgeth the Son hath the Father also. 24 Let that therefore abide in you, which ye have heard from the beginning. If that which ye have heard from the beginning shall remain in you, ye also shall continue in the Son, and in the Father. 25 And this is the promise that he hath promised us, even eternal life. 26 These things have I written unto you concerning them that seduce you. 27 But the anointing which ye have received of him abideth in you, and ye need not that any man teach you: but as the same anointing teacheth you of all things, and is truth, and is no lie, and even as it hath taught you, ye shall abide in him. 28 And now, little children, abide in him; that, when he shall appear, we may have confidence, and not be ashamed before him at his coming.

## The clip is full with one in the chamber.

**Confessions of an art guy.**

I first heard, "make good choices" in the movie Pitch Perfect. In my late 50s, it rang true but checking the scoreboard "made bad choices" was way ahead. Here is the reasoning for the scripture choice.

- **Good or bad; Psalms are musical songs.** I have a terrible voice, my humming is more like snoring. I still can't figure out what "Selah" means. I'll ask DVM then get back to you. Spilling over into the secular world, Psalms seemingly frames out a basis for those ballad type performances, for example in 1968, Ode To Billie Joe. Bobbie Gentry. I passed on Psalm 20.
- **I'm passing on Judges too.** Feels like being stuck between the global ecology activists and Saudi's oil lawyers having to use interpreters. Way above my pay grade.
- **The only choice I can speak to.** 1 John 2:18-28

Why choose KJV?

- **Ye, me,** thee, see, thy, thine, and other words that slow the thoughts in the chaos of being ADHD.
- **The entire** King James Version of the Bible is in the public domain.
- **KJV** is old school, not politically correct in this age, time, nor season.

**1 John 2:18-28** stands between the themes of *Righteousness* and *Mercy* by addressing both the necessity of living in truth and holiness (**righteousness**) and the assurance of God's grace through Christ (**mercy**).

**Righteousness** in 1 John 2:18-28

- **John warns about antichrists who deceive and deny Christ, emphasizing the importance of staying faithful to the truth.**  
*Apostasy?*
- **The passage highlights that those who abide in Christ will practice righteousness:**  
*"If you know that He is righteous, you know that everyone who practices righteousness is born of Him."*
- **True believers remain steadfast in Christ's teachings rather than being led astray.**  
*Searching for sanctification?*
- **Mercy** in 1 John 2:18-28
- **Despite warnings against deception, John reassures believers of their anointing from the Holy One, meaning they have received divine truth and guidance.**  
*The droning noise of Apostasy?*
- **He encourages them to remain in Christ, emphasizing that they do not need to fear deception if they stay in Him.**  
*Quietly listening for God's whispers while seeking the peace and joy of sanctification?*
- **The ultimate expression of mercy.**  
*"And this is the promise that He has promised us—eternal life."  
This promise reflects God's mercy, offering eternal security despite human weakness.*

### The Balance Between Righteousness and Mercy

This passage calls believers to uphold righteousness by rejecting falsehood while resting in the mercy of God, who ensures they are not left defenseless. It upholds the tension between divine justice (**standing against deception and sin**) and divine grace (**offering assurance and eternal life to those who abide in Christ**).