

AS GOD IS MERCIFUL / *Luke 6:36*

The Old Testament records over 130 references to God the Father's mercy on people. Many references also say that his people are to follow his example. Below is a sampling of some of these verses:

Reference:	How God shows mercy:
Genesis 19:16	When Lot still hesitated, the angels seized his hand and the hands of his wife and two daughters and rushed them to safety outside the city, for the LORD was merciful.
Deuteronomy 4:31	For the LORD your God is merciful—he will not abandon you or destroy you or forget the solemn covenant he made with your ancestors.
2 Samuel 24:14	“This is a desperate situation!” David replied to Gad. “But let us fall into the hands of the LORD, for his mercy is great. Do not let me fall into human hands.”
Nehemiah 9:31	But in your great mercy, you did not destroy them completely or abandon them forever. What a gracious and merciful God you are!
Isaiah 55:7	Let the people turn from their wicked deeds. Let them banish from their minds the very thought of doing wrong! Let them turn to the LORD that he may have mercy on them. Yes, turn to our God, for he will abundantly pardon.
Daniel 9:9	But the Lord our God is merciful and forgiving, even though we have rebelled against him.
Titus 3:5	He saved us, not because of the good things we did, but because of his mercy. He washed away our sins and gave us a new life through the Holy Spirit.
Hebrews 4:16	So let us come boldly to the throne of our gracious God. There we will receive his mercy, and we will find grace to help us when we need it.

Reference:	How believers are to show mercy:
Hosea 6:6	I want you to be merciful; I don't want your sacrifices. I want you to know God; that's more important than burnt offerings.
Micah 6:8	No, O people, the LORD has already told you what is good, and this is what he requires: to do what is right, to love mercy, and to walk humbly with your God.
Zechariah 7:9	“This is what the LORD Almighty says: Judge fairly and honestly, and show mercy and kindness to one another.
James 3:17	But the wisdom that comes from heaven is first of all pure. It is also peace loving, gentle at all times, and willing to yield to others. It is full of mercy and good deeds. It shows no partiality and is always sincere.
Jude 22-23	Show mercy to those whose faith is wavering. Rescue others by snatching them from the flames of judgment. There are still others to whom you need to show mercy, but be careful that you aren't contaminated by their sins.