

*in view of*

# GOD'S MERCY



ASH WEDNESDAY:  
*Mercy in Ashes*





#1

# The Symbol of Repentance: Ashes

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G O D ' S M E R C Y



therefore I despise myself,  
and repent in dust and ashes.

**- Job 42:6**

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Then I turned my face to the Lord God, seeking him by prayer and pleas for mercy with fasting and sackcloth and ashes.

*- Daniel 9:3*

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O daughter of my people, put on sackcloth,  
and roll in ashes; make mourning as for an only  
son, most bitter lamentation,  
for suddenly the destroyer  
will come upon us.

***- Jeremiah 6:26***

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“Woe to you, Chorazin! Woe to you, Bethsaida!  
For if the mighty works done in you had been  
done in Tyre and Sidon, they would have  
repented long ago in sackcloth and ashes.

**- Matthew 11:21**

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# Why are ashes a symbol of repentance?

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... till you return to the ground,  
for out of it you were taken;  
for you are dust,  
and to dust you shall return.”

- *Genesis 3:19*

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#2

# The Reason of Repentance: Our Sin

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“Yet even now,” declares the LORD, “return to me with all your heart, with fasting, with weeping, and with mourning; and rend your hearts and not your garments.”

Return to the LORD your God, for he is gracious and merciful, slow to anger, and abounding in steadfast love; and he relents over disaster.

**- Joel 2:12-13**

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If we say we have no sin, we deceive ourselves,  
and the truth is not in us.

**- 1 John 1:8**

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# The Reason of Repentance: God's Mercy

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For our sake he made him to be sin who knew no sin, so that in him we might become the righteousness of God.

**- 2 Corinthians 5:21**

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... the blood of Jesus his Son  
**cleanses us from all sin.**

***- 1 John 1:7***

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If we confess our sins, he is faithful and just to forgive us our sins and to cleanse us from all unrighteousness.

**- 1 John 1:9**

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# The Reason of Repentance: Today and Continually

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