



# Blessed are the Merciful

With this beatitude the focus turns to how the citizen in God's kingdom looks at and treats others. It begins with mercy. The child of God does not look down upon others, but rather realizes that everyone is in the same place and has the same plight with sin.

Wilson Adams wrote: "We would rather sue than excuse, condemn than show compassion

and be filled with vengefulness instead of forgiveness."

### Our English word 'mercy' comes from two Latin words:

- Miseri (misery)      Means: Misery of the heart
- Condia (heart)

### It Was Common For People to Call Out To Jesus For Mercy:

Mt 9:27      What were they wanting?  
 Mt 15:22  
 Mt 17:15  
 Mt 20:30

In the story of the good Samaritan, the Samaritan showed "Mercy" (Lk 10:36-37)

1. **L\_\_\_\_\_ is the source that prompts mercy towards others.** When there is no love, there will be no mercy and without mercy, there is no love.

2. **There is a deep connection between the way we treat others and how God \_\_\_\_\_ us**

- ❑ Jas 2:13 "For judgment will be merciless to one who has shown no mercy; mercy triumphs over judgment"
- ❑ Mt 5:44 "But I say to you, love your enemies, and pray for those who persecute you."
- ❑ Mt 6:15 "But if you do not forgive men, then your Father will not forgive your transgressions."

### The Opposite of Mercy is:

- R
- G
- B
- N
- A

3. **We show mercy because God has extended mercy to us**

- ❑ Titus 3:4-5 "But with the kindness of God our Savior and His love for mankind appeared, He saved us, not on the basis of deeds which we have done in righteousness, but according to His mercy, by the washing of regeneration and renewing by the Holy Spirit."
- ❑ Eph 2:4-5 "But God, being rich in mercy, because of His great love with which He loved us, even when we were dead in our transgressions, made us alive together with Christ (by grace you have been saved)"
- ❑ Those who have received mercy are to s\_\_\_\_\_ mercy
- ❑ Jesus considered "mercy" to be the "weightier" parts of the law (Mt 23:23)
- ❑ What characterizes God must also characterize His people

4. **Mercy Involves Sympathy. It is to care for others.**

- it demands \_\_\_\_\_.
- Mercy is grace in action.
- it is coupled with grace, forgiveness, and compassion

5. **Mercy is demonstrated by:**

- s\_\_\_\_\_ others and helping them
- p\_\_\_\_\_ for others
- letting w\_\_\_\_\_ go
- k\_\_\_\_\_ (Micah 6:8)

**One cannot be right with God while wrong with others**

6. **The merciful is blessed with mercy. He is acting as God w\_\_\_\_\_.**

Numbers 14:18 "The Lord is slow to anger and abundant in lovingkindness, forgiving iniquity and transgression; but He will by no means clear the guilty, visiting the iniquity of the fathers on the children to the third and the fourth generations."

Proverbs 14:21 "He who despises his neighbor sins, but happy is he who is gracious to the poor."