

Blessed are the merciful.
AM Service Matthew 5:7 March 11, 2018

Introduction

Blessed are the poor in spirit.

Blessed are those who mourn.

Blessed are the meek.

Blessed are those who hunger and thirst for righteousness.

Blessed are the merciful.

“mercy”

- * readiness to help those in trouble
- * kindness or good will toward the miserable and afflicted,
joined with a desire to relieve them

Where do we see mercy demonstrated in God’s Word?

1. One person toward another person

Matt 9:13 'I desire mercy and not sacrifice.'

How about us?

2. God toward us

Eph 2:4 But God, who is rich in mercy...

*Titus 3:5 not by works of righteousness which we have done,
but according to His mercy He saved us...*

3. Christ to Christians

*Jude 21 keep yourselves in the love of God, looking for the mercy
of our Lord Jesus Christ unto eternal life.*

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“misericordia”

Mercy supposes two things:

1. A distressed object: and,
2. A disposition of the heart, through which it is affected
at the sight of such an object.

They shall obtain mercy.

How about you?

1. Is your mercy to others new every morning?

Lam 3:22-23

*22 Through the LORD's mercies we are not consumed,
Because His compassions fail not.*

23 They are new every morning;

Great is Your faithfulness.

2. Are you like God?

(Albert Barnes)

Nowhere do we imitate God more than in showing mercy.

In nothing does God delight more than in the exercise of mercy.

To us, guilty sinners; to us, wretched, dying, and exposed
to eternal woe, he has shown his mercy by giving his Son
to die for us; by expressing his willingness to pardon and
save us; and by sending his Spirit to renew and sanctify our
hearts.

Each day of our life, each hour, and each moment, we partake of
his undeserved mercy.

All the blessings we enjoy are proofs of his mercy.

If we, then, show mercy to the poor, the wretched, the guilty,
it shows that we are like God.

We have his spirit, and shall not lose our reward.

And we have abundant opportunity to do it.

Our world is full of guilt and woe, which we may help to relieve;
and every day of our lives we have opportunity,
by helping the poor and wretched, and
by forgiving those who injure us,
to show that we are like God.

~ Pastor Mark D. Montgomery