



#5 "Blessed are The Merciful"

- Matt 5:7 "Blessed are the merciful, for they shall receive mercy."
- How Do I Get Mercy ?
- Let's First Look At What Mercy Is

Loyal Love (Khesed) + Grace (Khanan) = Mercy (Eleos)

**Psa 145:8-9 ESV The LORD is gracious and merciful,
slow to anger and abounding in steadfast love.
The LORD is good to all, and his mercy is over all that he has made.**

We will see repeatedly through scripture in the Old & New Testament that **Mercy** is at the very core of who God is.

Jesus gives Mercy to the 2 blind men – Matt 9:27

Jesus gives Mercy to the Canaanite woman – Matt 15:22

In fact in all the four Gospels, whenever anyone asks Jesus for Mercy they get it. He never denied them.

Jesus tells Peter the "Parable of the Unforgiving Servant"

Matt 18:21-35 "Therefore the kingdom of heaven may be compared to a king who wished to settle accounts with his servants. When he began to settle, one was brought to him who owed him ten thousand talents. And since he could not pay, his master ordered him to be sold, with his wife and children and all that he had, and payment to be made. So the servant fell on his knees, imploring him, 'Have patience with me, and I will pay you everything.' And out of pity for him, the master of that servant released him and forgave him the debt. But when that same servant went out, he found one of his fellow servants who owed him a hundred denarii, and seizing him, he began to choke him, saying, 'Pay what you owe.' So his fellow servant fell down and pleaded with him, 'Have patience with me, and I will pay you.' He refused and went and put him in prison until he should pay the debt. When his fellow servants saw what had taken place, they were greatly distressed, and they went and reported to their master all that had taken place. Then his master summoned him and said to him, 'You wicked servant! I forgave you all that debt because you pleaded with

me. And should not you have had mercy on your fellow servant, as I had mercy on you?' And in anger his master delivered him to the jailers, until he should pay all his debt. So also my heavenly Father will do to every one of you, if you do not forgive your brother from your heart."

- **Mercy is NOT Fairness or Merit – Just Mercy !**
- Don't Forget, in our parable **YOU** are the recipient as well as the giver
- You will never be asked to forgive someone more than God has already forgiven you.

"We walk in friendship with Jesus, not by giving His Mercy back, but by giving it away" ~Tyler Staton~

Life Group Questions

Read Matthew 18:21-35

- Do you see yourself in this parable ?
- When is it hardest for you to extend Mercy ?
- Do you think you should receive Mercy even if you don't give it ?
- Grace is getting something we DON'T deserve (Like Salvation or Eternal Life)
While Mercy is NOT getting something we DO deserve (Like Punishment or Judgement) What are your thoughts on that ?

Read Matthew 18:21-22

- Do you relate to Peter in this passage ?

In today's world the opposite of Mercy could be called "Cancel Culture"

- How have you seen "Cancel Culture" play out in your life ?
- What do you think are God's feelings on "Cancel Culture" ?

Read 1 Peter 1:3-5

- What part of this passage ministers to you the most ?
Mercy ? Inheritance ? Salvation ?

Source: Enduring Word commentary – "Beatitudes"
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