



TODAY'S INTERACTIVE OUTLINE

They Shall Receive Mercy

The Blessing for Those Who Are Merciful

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Today, we are going to look at the fifth blessing given to those who are citizens of the kingdom of God/heaven. In Matthew 5:7, Jesus says, “⁷ Blessed are the merciful, for they shall receive mercy.” (Matthew 5:7, ESV)

I. What Is ‘Mercy’?

- A. In general, the idea is that the one who is merciful shows _____ and forgiveness to others when it is in their power or right to do otherwise.
- B. The best example of mercy: _____.

II. What is this Blessing?

- A. God will give compassion to his people and give them aid. We surely don't deserve God's mercy, but He still shows pity on us and is willing to help us when we are distressed.
- B. God's mercy for us spiritually:
- Most importantly, God is willing to _____ our sins.
 - Titus 3:5 & Ephesians 2:4
 - The King in Matthew 18:23-27
 - God is going to perform a great act of mercy in the future by giving His people their final deliverance.
- C. God's mercy _____:
- He is willing to:
 - Heal & continue to give us life
 - Provide for our daily needs and beyond

III. Who Is This Blessing for?

- A. “Blessed are _____” (Matt 5:7)
- B. God's people are givers, just like the Good Samaritan (See Luke 10:25-37).
- They see someone in distress physically or spiritually
 - They respond internally, feeling compassion for the person.
 - They respond externally with practical effort to aid the person in distress
 - They show mercy without _____
 - Also see James 2:1-13

Is This a Blessing You Have Now and Will Have in the Future?

THINKING THROUGH TODAY'S LESSON:

- Do you show compassion to others who are in distress physically or spiritually?
- Physically:
 - Do you show mercy by giving money to those in need?
 - Do you help those who are less fortunate - who may not have enough food or clothing.
 - Do you visit those who are in distress — those who may be sick, in prison, lonely, or discouraged?
- Spiritually:
 - Do you show forgiveness to those who wrong you?
 - Do you reach out to those who are in distress spiritually?

MY NOTES: