Series "The King And His Kingdom"
"Dividend Of Mercy"
Matthew 5:7
Study–13

Luke 6:36 "Be merciful, just as your Father is merciful.
The mark of a **true child of God is mercy. <u>It's a family trait!</u>**

New Beatitude: we move from <u>our need</u> to what we <u>need to do;</u>

Thought Of Our Passage: "God's Blessing Upon Those Who Are Merciful To Undeserving, Because If Deserved, Would Not Be Mercy But Justice."

1. Who Is The Blessed?
2. What Is Being Merciful?
3. What Is The Blessing Of Being Merciful?
4. How Do You Become Merciful?

<u>1. Who Is The Blessed?</u>

Matthew 5:7 "Blessed are the merciful, for they shall receive mercy.

"Blessed" *"Oh how happy.... To be envied...happiness"*
This word was used of Greek gods who alone were said to have possessed joy and happiness

Blessed (divine happiness) is God's blessing and approval upon us, literally *"The applause of heaven,"* a result of God Himself being pleased with us.

Who Is The Blessed? *Those whom God approves; heaven applauds;*

#1 Beatitude "Blessed is the Poor in spirit" This is Spiritual Bankruptcy.
#2 Beatitude "Blessed are those who mourn" "Mourning over Sin."
#3 Beatitude "Blessed are the gentle" yielded and surrendered to God
#4 Beatitude "Blessed are those who hunger and thirst for righteousness" Holiness, wanting Jesus and to be like Him.

Beatitudes #5-8 Our Response to Man: (Merciful, Pure, Peacemaker, Persecuted) #5 Beatitude is "Blessed are the Merciful"

<u>2. What Is Being Merciful?</u>

<u>Seven Things Being Merciful Is Not!</u>
1. Being Merciful Is Not Humanitarianism:
2. Being Merciful Is Not Weakness: Romans called it a *"Disease of the Soul"*
3. Being Merciful Does Not Mean Death: to be taken advantage of.
4. Being Merciful Is Not Human Virtue: People that are naturally "easy going"

5. Being Merciful Is Not Emotional: Not merely tears
6. Being Merciful Is Not Merely Serving:
7. Being Merciful Is Not Tokenism: makes you feel good.

Merciful – *"to give help to the wretched, to relieve the miserable, not giving what is deserved"*

merciful - is *"grace in action"*

merciful – *"is a pure unselfish good will with a motive that reaches out to help relieve others."*

Mercy can be exercised only to the undeserving.
If it were deserved, it would not be mercy but simply justice.

mercy – (compassion) speaks of *"an emotional response to the needs of others. It means to feel the pain of another so deeply that we're compelled to do something about it." "to give help to the wretched, to relieve the miserable"*

"Mercy identifies with the miserable in their misery"

Grace - deals with sin and guilt (pardons), cleanses & reinstates, to the undeserving

Mercy – compassion for the consequences of sin, compassion to the miserable

Matthew 14:14 compassion - Jesus was so moved that His stomach churned, or literally, *"his bowels yearned"* for the crowd. **Luke 6:36**

God Is Mercy!
Deuteronomy 4:31 "For the LORD your God is a merciful God…"
Nehemiah 9:31 For You are a gracious and compassionate God.
Psalm 119:132 be gracious to me, (have mercy on me,)
Daniel 9:18 Your great compassion. (great mercy.")
Micah 7:19 He will again have compassion on us; (mercy)
Romans 9:16 God who has mercy.
Ephesians 2:4 "But God, being rich in mercy,"
James 5:11 "the Lord is full of compassion and mercy."

5th Beatitude: It's the overflowing of Jesus in our lives.

Mercy In Action: Five Examples:

1. Jesus Christ, The Model Of Mercy: Jesus loved us so much; He died for our sins (Mercy) so that we could be forgiven.

Mercy Does Not Mean We Excuse Sin: John 8:3-11

JESUS DID NOT EXCUSE THE SIN, He told her **"Sin no more"**
His concern was to restore the sinner (mercy leading to forgiveness)

2. Abraham's Mercy Towards His Nephew Lot: Lot was captured while living in Sodom - **Genesis 14:12-16.** Abraham rounds up 318 men and rescues Lot and his possessions.

3. Joseph Was Sold Into Slavery By His Brothers: Brothers come to him for grain. Joseph embraces and receives them.....He was merciful – **Genesis 50:19-21**(no bitterness). **Joseph wept –** for their misery, **Joseph's actions** provided for them, **Joseph's forgiveness** for them.

4. Moses, Miriam And Aaron Spoke Against Him:
They spoke against the fact that he married an Ethiopian woman - a Cushite woman.
*Moses' response is recorded in **Numbers 12:13 "O God, heal her I pray!"**

5. David Hunted Down By Jealous Saul: David had opportunities to slay Saul **two times**, **1 Samuel 24, 26**
David loved Saul and had mercy **1 Samuel 31 - 2 Samuel 1**

Examples Of Mercy:
1. When A Need Presents Itself:
2. Among Brothers And Sisters:
3. Reaching Out To Those That Have Fallen: Galatians 6:1-2
4. Show Mercy By Sharing The Gospel: Let's keep mercy "down to earth." **Matthew 15:1-9**

Luke 10:30-37 - **The Good Samaritan**

3. What Is The Blessing Of Being Merciful?

Matthew 5:7 for they shall receive mercy.

Because we have RECEIVED mercy, we can GIVE mercy.....We can then be merciful.

Blessing - Receive Mercy: for they shall receive mercy.
"For they, and they alone shall receive mercy"
Only those that have experienced God.

James 2:13; 1 John 3:17

Blessing - Grant Forgiveness: Parable Of The King And The Slave: Matthew 18:21-35.

Benefits Of Being Merciful:
1. Blessed Are The Merciful Because They Have Been Forgiven:

2. Blessed Are The Merciful Because They Can Extend Mercy:
3. Blessed Are The Merciful Because They Are God's Witness:

4. How Do You Become Merciful?

Examining Ourselves:

1. Do We Really Take To Heart The Mercy Shown To Us By God?
~ Jesus laying down His life ~ Vileness of our Sin~ His mercy... (Poor In Spirit)

2. Do We Show Mercy Toward Those In Need?

3. Do We Show Mercy Toward Brother Or Sister Suffering From Bad Decisions?

4. Do We Show Mercy Toward Those That Hurt Us In Word?

5. Are We Quick To Come To A Conclusion About A Person Without Really Knowing All The Facts? Proverbs 18:17

What To Do:

1. Need To Pray To The Lord.
Luke 6:36 When praying, we need to forgive all – **Matthew 6:12,14,15; Mark 11:25,26**

2. Need To Humble Ourselves. "God, I am in need." **James 4:8-10**

3. Who Do We Need To Release From Debt Today?

4. What Downtrodden Person Can We Restore This Week? Jude 22-23

Application:

1. Mercy Can Be Exercised Only To The Undeserving. If It Were Deserved, It Would Not Be Mercy But Simply Justice:

2. Forgiveness Is The Virtue We Most Enjoy, But Least Employ. Nothing Proves More Clearly That We Have Been Recipients Of Mercy Than Our Own Readiness To Forgive: