

**Matthews Gospel "The Sermon On The Mount"**  
**"The Dividend of Mercy"**  
**Matthew 5:7**  
**Part-12**

- Matt 5:7
- Luke 6:36

**We will ask 4 questions in our study this morning**

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

**1. Who Are The Blessed?**

- Matt 5:7

We're looking at The Sermon on The Mount, Matthew 5-7  
We're looking at the section called The Beatitudes Matthew 5:3-12

**Beatitudes** - means "**have these attitudes**"...beautiful attitudes  
(not DO-Attitudes)

This sermon was addressed to Disciples – "learners, pupils, followers of the teacher and teachings"

"Blessed" "Oh how happy.....To be envied...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 Are The Blessed? Those that God approves, heaven applauds, they have the blessing from Him. (Those who have longed for God's approval over man's)

Beatitudes 1-4 Our Response to God:

1# Beatitude is "Blessed is the Poor in spirit" This is Spiritual Bankruptcy. (Empty)

2# Beatitude is "Blessed are those who mourn" "Mourning over Sin." One think to admit that you are spiritually bankrupt it is another to morn over it and come to God. (Empty)

3# Beatitude is "Blessed are the gentle" A person yields their will in surrender to God - They know who they are and know they don't deserve anything. (Empty)

4# Beatitude is "Blessed are those who hunger and thirst for righteousness" Holiness, wanting Jesus and to be like Him. (Filled)

Beatitudes 5-8 Our Response to Man: (Merciful, Pure, Peace Maker, Persecuted)

## **2. What Is Being Merciful?**

What being merciful is not!

1. Being Merciful is not Humanitarianism:
2. Being Merciful is not Weakness:
3. Being Merciful does not mean Death:
4. Being Merciful is not Human Virtue:
5. Being Merciful is not Emotional:
6. Being Merciful is not Serving:
7. Being Merciful is not Tokenism:

**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."

**The principal Hebrew word for 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."

**Grace** - deals with sin and guilt (pardons), cleanses & reinstates

**Mercy** – compassion for the consequences of sin

- Matt 14:14

**compassion** - means that 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
- Nehemiah 9:31
- Psalm 119:132
- Daniel 9:18
- Micah 7:18-19
- Romans 9:16
- Ephesians 2:4
- James 5:11

### **Mercy In Action:**

1. Jesus Christ is the model of mercy:

- John 8:3-11

2. Abraham's mercy towards his nephew Lot: Abraham's herdsmen & Lot's Herdsmen had a dispute. Abraham - all promises - "Take what you want, and Lot chose choose from himself.

- Gen 14:12-16

3. Joseph was sold into slavery by his brothers:

Gen. 50:19-21(no bitterness) Joseph wept – for their misery, Joseph's actions provided for them, Joseph's forgiveness for them.

4. Moses:

Numbers 12:13 "O God, heal her I pray!"

5. David:

- 1 Sam. 24, 26

What are the marks of being full of mercy?

**1. When we see someone in Need**

**2. Among Brothers and Sisters**

**3. Reaching out to the Fallen:**

- Gal 6:1-2

**4. Pray for those in Need**

**5. Show mercy by giving out the Gospel:**

- Luke 10:30-37

### **3. What is The Blessing of Being Merciful?**

- Matt 5:7

for they shall receive mercy. Because we show mercy, do we merit mercy?

for they shall receive mercy. "For they, and they alone shall receive mercy"

- James 2:13

**Matt 18:21-35 The King and the slave:**

**Benefits:**

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?
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?

**What to do:**

1. Need to pray to the Lord.
  - Luke 6:36
2. Need to Humble ourselves.
  - James 4:8-10
3. Who do we need to release from debt today?
4. What down trodden person can we restore this week?