

LAWS FOR LIVING IN DIFFICULT TIMES

Sermon on the Mount Matthew 5 & Luke 10 Part 5 Mercy

Nine Beautiful Attitudes!

Attitudes We Need to Have!

Blessed = Contentment

⁷ Blessed are the merciful, For they shall obtain mercy.

Jesus replied with a story: "A Jewish man was traveling from Jerusalem down to Jericho, and he was attacked by bandits. They stripped him of his clothes, beat him up, and left him half dead beside the road.

By chance **a priest** came along. But when he saw the man lying there, he crossed to the other side of the road and passed him by. A **Temple assistant** [Levite] walked over and looked at him lying there, but he also passed by on the other side.

"Then a despised Samaritan came along, and when he saw the man, he felt compassion for him. Going over to him, the Samaritan soothed his wounds with olive oil and wine and bandaged them. Then he put the man on his own donkey and took him to an inn, where he took care of him. The next day he handed the innkeeper two silver coins, telling him, 'Take care of this man. If his bill runs higher than this, I'll pay you the next time I'm here.'

"Now which of these three would you say was a neighbor to the man who was attacked by bandits?" Jesus asked. **The man replied, "The one who showed him mercy."** Luke 10:30-36

Mercy, like "meekness", does not mean softness or weakness or mere sentiment.

1. Godly Characteristics of Mercy Luke 10 Parable of the Good Samaritan

Only ONE stopped & helped. That is **MERCY**—moved to action!

One of the most precious characteristics we can have that makes us most **LIKE GOD!**

⁴ But God is so rich in mercy, and He loved us so much, ⁵ that even though we were dead because of our sins, He gave us life when He raised Christ from the dead. (It is only by God's grace that you have been saved!) ⁶ For He raised us from the dead along with Christ and seated us with Him in the heavenly realms because we are united with Christ Jesus. ⁷ So God can point to us in all future ages as examples of the incredible wealth of His grace and kindness toward us, as shown in all He has done for us who are united with Christ Jesus. Ephesian 2:4-7

Luke 10 Parable of the Good Samaritan

The Lawyer asked Who is my neighbor? "The one who showed him mercy."

Religion, Ritualism, and Rules are no help when we need MERCY!

Don't Miss the Principle of SUBSTITUTION!

Three classes of people

Beater uppers

Passer uppers

Lifter Uppers

2. The Truthful Foundation of Mercy

Mercy and truth have met together; Righteousness and peace have kissed. Ps 85:10

There can be no mercy without **TRUTH!** Mercy and truth together in the Bible!

Mercy is not softness nor does it overlook sin and it is **NOT** mere sentiment.

When you show mercy you withhold judgment and that means judgment is needed!

Million Dollar Question→**Is God Fair?** Answer **NO!**

“Fair” = the state, condition, or quality of being fair [DUH lol] , or free from bias or injustice; evenhandedness---giving what is deserved, earned, or worked for.

BE GLAD GOD IS NOT FAIR! He does **NOT** GIVE us what we deserve instead

He is merciful and withholds judgment. *The wages of sin is DEATH!* Romans 6:23

²⁸ For anyone who refused to obey the law of Moses was put to death without mercy on the testimony of two or three witnesses. ²⁹ **Just think how much worse the punishment will be for those who have trampled on the Son of God, and have treated the blood of the covenant, which made us holy, as if it were common and unholy, and have insulted and disdained the Holy Spirit who brings God’s mercy to us.** ³⁰ For we know the one who said, “I will take revenge. I will pay them back.” He also said,³¹ It is a terrible thing to fall into the hands of the living God. Hebrews 10:28-31

3. Wonderful Blessings of Mercy *Blessed are the merciful....* Shall obtain mercy

²² *The faithful love of the Lord never ends! His mercies never cease.*

²³ *Great is His faithfulness; His mercies begin afresh each morning.*

Lamentations 3

We are **NOT** saved by being merciful to others. That is to miss the point of Beatitudes 1 and 2

We are Saved when God shows US mercy and then the more mercy we show to others the more MERCY we get! ONLY People who have **RECEIVED mercy know how to share mercy!**

If God in love has forgiven us how much sooner should we forgive others!