

SOTM 5- Blessed Are The Merciful

Luke 16:16 The law and the prophets *were* until John: since that time the kingdom of God is preached, and every man presseth into it.

Mat 5:7 Blessed *are* the merciful: for they shall obtain mercy.

1. The first thing you received when you were born again was mercy. At the throne of Grace you first receive mercy, and then grace to help in your time of need.

Heb 4:16 Let us therefore come boldly unto the throne of grace, that we may obtain mercy, and find grace to help in time of need.

2. We are to be imitators of God and extend mercy because He is merciful, and because we are children of God ... and He is merciful ... therefore we are merciful. Are we to be merciful only to those who are good and kind to us?

Luke 6:27-36 But I say unto you which hear, Love your enemies, do good to them which hate you, (28) Bless them that curse you, and pray for them which despitefully use you. (29) And unto him that smiteth thee on the *one* cheek offer also the other; and him that taketh away thy cloke forbid not *to take thy* coat also. (30) Give to every man that asketh of thee; and of him that taketh away thy goods ask *them* not again. (31) And as ye would that men should do to you, do ye also to them likewise. (32) For if ye love them which love you, what thank have ye? for sinners also love those that love them. (33) And if ye do good to them which do good to you, what thank have ye? for sinners also do even the same. (34) And if ye lend *to them* of whom ye hope to receive, what thank have ye? for sinners also lend to sinners, to receive as much again. (35) But love ye your enemies, and do good, and lend, hoping for nothing again; and your reward shall be great, and ye shall be the children of the Highest: for he is kind unto the unthankful and *to the evil*. (36) Be ye therefore merciful, as your Father also is merciful.

3. Notice the Word LOVE in verses 27 and 35. There is no mercy without love.
4. There is no mercy without forgiveness. Love, forgiveness, and mercy are all closely related. We love as we are loved. We forgive as we are forgiven. We show mercy as we have been shown mercy. Remember, Jesus is teaching the kingdom of God prophetically to born again people. This has to do with how we live as children of light on planet earth. You stop demonstrating love, forgiveness and mercy when you forget who you are as a child of God, and why you are here

serving in His kingdom. That is why the sermon on the mount is so important for every child of light. Don't forget who you are, where you are from, and why you are here.

5. Remember how you got saved:

Luke 18:13 And the publican, standing afar off, would not lift up so much as *his* eyes unto heaven, but smote upon his breast, saying, God be merciful to me a sinner.

6. I get a little persecution from legally minded people every time I teach this but it is the truth anyway, "The most miserable people I have ever met are Christians who refuse to forgive others." They live in daily torment. Mat 18:15-35 [Greatest in the kingdom are those who can "forgive from the heart.]

Matthew 18:15-35 Moreover if thy brother shall trespass against thee, go and tell him his fault between thee and him alone: if he shall hear thee, thou hast gained thy brother. (16) But if he will not hear *thee*, *then* take with thee one or two more, that in the mouth of two or three witnesses every word may be established. (17) And if he shall neglect to hear them, tell *it* unto the church: but if he neglect to hear the church, let him be unto thee as an heathen man and a publican. (18) Verily I say unto you, Whatsoever ye shall bind on earth shall be bound in heaven: and whatsoever ye shall loose on earth shall be loosed in heaven. (19) Again I say unto you, That if two of you shall agree on earth as touching any thing that they shall ask, it shall be done for them of my Father which is in heaven. (20) For where two or three are gathered together in my name, there am I in the midst of them. (21) Then came Peter to him, and said, Lord, how oft shall my brother sin against me, and I forgive him? till seven times? (22) Jesus saith unto him, I say not unto thee, Until seven times: but, Until seventy times seven. (23) Therefore is the kingdom of heaven likened unto a certain king, which would take account of his servants. (24) And when he had begun to reckon, one was brought unto him, which owed him ten thousand talents. (25) But forasmuch as he had not to pay, his lord commanded him to be sold, and his wife, and children, and all that he had, and payment to be made. (26) The servant therefore fell down, and worshipped him, saying, Lord, have patience with me, and I will pay thee all. (27) Then the lord of that servant was moved with compassion, and loosed him, and forgave him the debt. (28) But the same servant went out, and found one of his fellowservants, which owed him an hundred pence: and he laid hands on him, and took *him* by the throat, saying, Pay me that thou owest. (29) And his fellowservant fell down at his feet, and besought him, saying, Have patience with me, and I will pay thee all. (30) And he would

not: but went and cast him into prison, till he should pay the debt. (31) So when his fellowservants saw what was done, they were very sorry, and came and told unto their lord all that was done. (32) Then his lord, after that he had called him, said unto him, O thou wicked servant, I forgave thee all that debt, because thou desiredst me: (33) Shouldest not thou also have had compassion on thy fellowservant, even as I had pity on thee? (34) And his lord was wroth, and delivered him to the tormentors, till he should pay all that was due unto him. (35) So likewise shall my heavenly Father do also unto you, if ye from your hearts forgive not every one his brother their trespasses.

7. Dave taught us that mercy would say to the thief, “I forgive you for stealing my TV. Now put it back and I won’t press charges.” But grace would say to the thief, “Not only do I forgive you, but I will adopt you as my son, give you my name, and an inheritance you can never exhaust.”

Psa 25:6 Remember, O LORD, thy **tender mercies and thy lovingkindnesses; for they *have been* ever of old.**

Psa 40:11 Withhold not thou thy **tender mercies from me, O LORD: let thy lovingkindness and thy truth continually preserve me.**

Psa 51:1 [To the chief Musician, A Psalm of David, when Nathan the prophet came unto him, after he had gone in to Bathsheba.] Have mercy upon me, O God, according to thy lovingkindness: according unto the multitude of thy **tender mercies blot out my transgressions.**

Psa 69:16 Hear me, O LORD; for thy lovingkindness *is* good: turn unto me according to the multitude of thy **tender mercies.**

Psa 79:8 O remember not against us former iniquities: let thy **tender mercies speedily prevent us: for we are brought very low.**

Psa 103:4 Who redeemeth thy life from destruction; who crowneth thee with lovingkindness and **tender mercies;**

Psa 145:9 The LORD *is* good to all: and his **tender mercies *are* over all his works.**