

# The Gospel of Matthew

Matthew 5:7

# The Beatitudes

Mathew 5

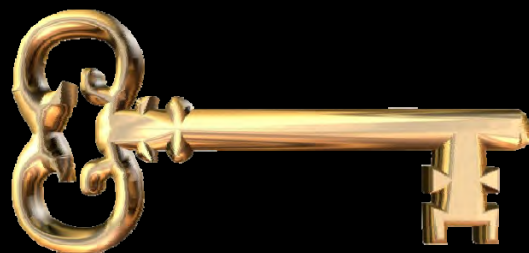
## Contrast

People in the Kingdom of Heaven

People in the Kingdoms of the Earth

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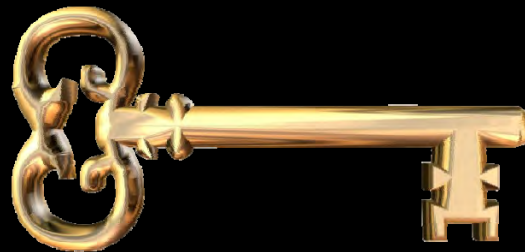


For I say to you, that unless your  
righteousness exceeds *the righteousness* of the  
scribes and Pharisees, you will by no means  
enter the kingdom of heaven.

Matthew 5:20

# The Beatitudes

Mathew 5



**Outward Obedience to Rules**

**Inward Obedience by the Holy Spirit living in us**

## The First



**Blessed are the poor in spirit,  
for theirs is the Kingdom of Heaven.**

**Matthew 5:3**

**We cannot make it spiritually in life without total reliance upon God.**

***John 15:5***

## The Second

**Blessed are those who mourn,  
for they will be comforted.**

**Matthew 5:4**



**Mourning for personal sin – because we are not like God.  
Mourning for the sins of those who share this world with us.**

**James 4:8-10**

## The Third

**Blessed are the meek,  
for they shall inherit the earth.**  
Matthew 5:5



**Having all of our power under God's control.**

- 1. Fruit in life produced by the Holy Spirit – Galatians 5:22-23**
- 2. By coming and yoking up with Jesus Christ – Matthew 11:28-30**

## The Fourth



**Blessed *are* those who hunger and thirst  
for righteousness,  
For they shall be filled.**

**Matthew 5:6**

**Having an unquenchable desire for thinking, doing, living God's way,  
Conforming to the will of God.**

- 1. Ask the Lord to make you like Jesus – Romans 8:29**
- 2. Feed on his word – Psalm 119:9-16; Ephesians 5:26**



**Blessed *are* the merciful  
For they shall receive mercy.  
Matthew 5:7**

# Happy vs. Blessed

**What does it mean to be blessed?**

# Happy vs. Blessed

Happiness springs from  
favorable circumstances.

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Blessedness is what  
God places within the heart.

# Happy vs. Blessed

If you are happy,  
then you must have “good luck”.

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If you are blessed,  
you have God

# Happy vs. Blessed

If you are blessed you will not be affected  
by circumstances

but will make the circumstances of life  
serve God's central purpose in your life



Blessed are...

The Merciful



The 1<sup>st</sup> Century

Romans Loved

JUSTICE

COURAGE

DISCIPLINE



The 1<sup>st</sup> Century

Romans Despised

MERCY



# The 1<sup>st</sup> Century

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## SLAVES

A slave is a living tool – when displease master discipline harshly

Old slaves are simply discarded when used up

## CHILDREN

Girl or deformed boy set outside to die of exposure



# The 1<sup>st</sup> Century

*Mercy is a disease of the soul*

ENEMY

The only good enemy is a dead enemy

NO MERCY!!



# Words of Jesus

*Blessed are the merciful  
For they shall obtain mercy.*



# What is Mercy?

Almost untranslatable

Feeling of sympathy or empathy

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Doing something about it



# What is Mercy?

Two areas where mercy displayed



# Showing Mercy

1. Where there is hurt and miserable situation

# Showing Mercy – Where Pain



Bringing comfort and help  
to someone who is  
hurting

# Showing Mercy – Where Pain



Job's friends helped at beginning

Job's friends added to his pain  
before they were finished.



# Showing Mercy – Where Pain



Elijah raises the widow's son  
1 Kings 17

# Showing Mercy – Where Pain



Jesus heals 10 Lepers

# Showing Mercy – Where Pain



Good Samaritan





# Showing Mercy

1. Where there is hurt and miserable situation

What are ways today?



# Showing Mercy

## 2. Forgiving for wrong

# Showing Mercy – Forgiveness



Joseph forgives his brothers

# Showing Mercy – Forgiveness

seventy*times*seven

70<sup>7</sup>

Matthew 18:21-22



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The father forgives

# Showing Mercy – Forgiveness



How can I forgive  
when it hurts so much

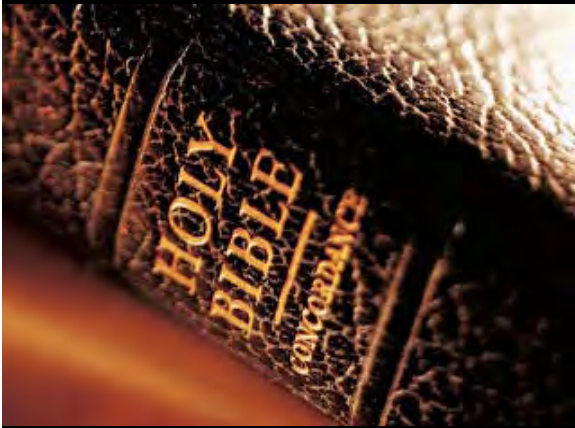


## Showing Mercy – Forgiveness

*Let all bitterness, wrath, anger, clamor,  
and evil speaking be put away from you,  
with all malice.*

*And be kind to one another, tenderhearted,  
forgiving one another,  
even as God in Christ forgave you.*

Ephesians 4:31-32



# How does mercy come?

## 1. Read the Gospels

See the compassion and mercy of Jesus

Ask the Father in heaven to make you like  
Jesus - - merciful



# How does mercy come?

2. Go and give compassion  
– mercy –  
to those who are in need.



# The Result?

You will receive mercy.

Sometimes from others.

Always from God.



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