

Brookland Baptist Church  
Bible Study  
Pastor Charles B. Jackson, Sr., Facilitator

Lecture IV

March 3, 2021

**THE GREATEST SERMON EVER PREACHED**

Matthew Chapter 5

**Beatitude #6**

- **Matthew 5:7 (KJV)**

<sup>7</sup> “Blessed are the merciful: for they shall obtain mercy.”

Mercy is compassion for people in need. It is a character of the soul where by one is moved to seek the relief of someone who is hurting or struggling. The heart is touched by the painful predicament of another and we feel compelled to do something.

Those who are merciful look upon the conditions of another as if it's his/her own and is therefore grieved by it and his/her heart is touched and something is stirred within to act. It is a spirit of kindness and benevolence which sympathizes with the suffering of the afflicted, so that we weep with those who weep.

There are a two-fold expression of mercy:

1. Having mercy for one's physical condition;
2. Having mercy for one's spiritual condition.

Mercy was born in the heart of God to give man another chance; to show man the favor of God.

Mercy is when you don't get what you deserve.

Grace is when you get what you don't deserve.

We are to be merciful toward man's physical condition. Our God is a merciful God and shows mercy continuously. We, who are His children, must also show mercy.

- **Luke 10:30-37 (KJV)**

<sup>30</sup> And Jesus answering said, A certain man went down from Jerusalem to Jericho, and fell among thieves, which stripped him of his raiment, and wounded him, and departed, leaving him half dead. <sup>31</sup> And by chance there came down a certain priest that way: and when he saw him, he passed by on the other side. <sup>32</sup> And likewise a Levite, when he was at the place, came and looked on him, and passed by on the other side. <sup>33</sup> But a certain Samaritan, as he journeyed, came where he was: and when he saw him, he had compassion on him,

<sup>34</sup> And went to him, and bound up his wounds, pouring in oil and wine, and set him on his own beast, and brought him to an inn, and took care of him. <sup>35</sup> And on the morrow when he departed, he took out two pence, and gave them to the host, and said unto him, take care of him; and whatsoever thou spendest more, when I come again, I will repay thee. <sup>36</sup> Which now of these three, thinkest thou, was neighbour unto him that fell among the thieves? <sup>37</sup> And he said, he that shewed mercy on him. Then said Jesus unto him, Go, and do thou likewise.

The Samaritan was merciful toward the man who had fallen among thieves.

- **1<sup>st</sup> John 3:17 (NLT)**

<sup>17</sup> If someone has enough money to live well and sees a brother or sister[a] in need but shows no compassion—how can God’s love be in that person?

- **James 2:14-17 (KJV)**

<sup>14</sup> What doth it profit, my brethren, though a man say he hath faith, and have not works? can faith save him? <sup>15</sup> If a brother or sister be naked, and destitute of daily food, <sup>16</sup> And one of you say unto them, depart in peace, be ye warmed and filled; notwithstanding ye give them not those things which are needful to the body; what doth it profit? <sup>17</sup> Even so faith, if it hath not works, is dead, being alone.

Real love is an action, not a feeling. It produces self-less, sacrificial giving. The greatest act of love anyone can do is to give himself or herself to meet a need someone else has. We are to be merciful towards man’s spiritual condition. God shows us mercy every day.

- **Lamentations 3:22-23 (KJV)**

<sup>22</sup> It is of the Lord's mercies that we are not consumed, because his compassions fail not.

<sup>23</sup> They are new every morning: great is thy faithfulness.

- **Psalms 51:1-3 (KJV)**

<sup>57</sup> Be merciful unto me, O God, be merciful unto me: for my soul trusteth in thee: yea, in the shadow of thy wings will I make my refuge, until these calamities be overpast. <sup>2</sup> I will cry unto God most high; unto God that performeth all things for me. <sup>3</sup> He shall send from heaven, and save me from the reproach of him that would swallow me up. Selah. God shall send forth his mercy and his truth.

- **Luke 18:10-14 (KJV)**

<sup>10</sup> Two men went up into the temple to pray; the one a Pharisee, and the other a publican. <sup>11</sup> The Pharisee stood and prayed thus with himself, God, I thank thee, that I am not as other men are, extortioners, unjust, adulterers, or even as this publican. <sup>12</sup> I fast twice in the week, I give tithes of all that I possess. <sup>13</sup> 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. <sup>14</sup> I tell you, this man went down to his house justified rather than the other: for every one that exalteth himself shall be abased; and he that humbleth himself shall be exalted.

When we show mercy toward others (physical condition) and when we humble ourselves and seek God's mercy (spiritual condition) Jesus makes us a promise.

The Promise: They shall obtain mercy. If you look out for others, God will look out for you. If you reach out to others, God will reach out to you.

## **Beatitude #6**

- **Matthew 5:8 (KJV)**

<sup>8</sup> Blessed are the pure in heart: for they shall see God.

- **Psalms 51:5 (KJV)**

<sup>5</sup> Behold, I was shapen in iniquity; and in sin did my mother conceive me.

- **Romans 3:23 (KJV)**

<sup>23</sup> For all have sinned, and come short of the glory of God;

- **1<sup>st</sup> John 1:8 (KJV)**

<sup>8</sup> If we say that we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us.

- **Romans 7:18-19 (KJV)**

<sup>18</sup> For I know that in me (that is, in my flesh,) dwelleth no good thing: for to will is present with me; but how to perform that which is good I find not. <sup>19</sup> For the good that I would I do not: but the evil which I would not, that I do.

When the Bible speaks of the heart, it has reference to the whole personality. It involves mind and will. The word pure is translated to mean clean. This says to us that purity of heart has to do with “**rightness of mind**” and “**singleness of motive.**” Jesus is wanting His followers to celebrate and honor “**heart-righteousness**” rather than “**rule righteousness.**” Some persons follow the letter of the law, but ignore and neglect the spirit of the law.

### **Three Forms of Religion**

1. **Head Religion** – These are religiously active people who are quick to brag on knowing the law; the rules and regulations. They can be rather pious and think they are better than others. They are quick to condemn and pass judgement on others.

2. **Hand Religion** – These are religiously active people who are busily engaged in the ministries of the church. They worship regularly, give generously and serve in various

ministries. They are church work-a-holics. They feel that their active work in the church will earn for themselves salvation.

3. **Heart Religion** – These are religiously active people who love the Lord with all their hearts, and love their neighbors with the love of Jesus Christ. They strive to honor the law and obey God’s Word to be reflections and expressions of our Saviour. They are faithful stewards in work and service in the church because of how grateful they are for the Love of God who, by His grace and mercy has saved them in the name of Jesus.

- **1<sup>st</sup> Samuel 16:7 (KJV)**

<sup>7</sup> But the Lord said unto Samuel, look not on his countenance, or on the height of his stature; because I have refused him: for the Lord seeth not as man seeth; for man looketh on the outward appearance, but the Lord looketh on the heart.

The Promise: They shall see God. There are a present and a future fulfillment for the pure in heart. To see God in the present is to be drawn closer to Him.

The pure in heart shall see God in the future. The pure in heart see God now with the eye of faith **AND** will see God in His glory in the **HEREAFTER**.

- **1<sup>st</sup> Corinthians 13:12 (KJV)**

<sup>12</sup> For now we see through a glass, darkly; but then face to face: now I know in part; but then shall I know even as also I am known.