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Wednesday Evening Bible Study 6:00 PM

“Blessed”

Part 05

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Matthew 5:7

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

- Merciful (Gk. “eleemon”) = compassionate, having pity on, the state of having mercy

Psalms 136:1-3

1 Oh, give thanks to the Lord, for He is good! For His mercy endures forever.

2 Oh, give thanks to the God of gods! For His mercy endures forever. **3** Oh, give thanks to the Lord of lords! For His mercy endures forever

- Mercy (Hb. “chesed”) = loving kindness
- To be merciful is to be compassionate and to act in loving kindness

- The mercy of the LORD, which endures forever, is most often seen in the fact that God, because of the grace we have found through Christ, does not give us the just punishment which we do deserve, but instead has mercy (both pity and compassion) on us and forgives our sins through the blood of Christ, casting our sins into the sea of forgetfulness, never to be remembered again.
- Because God has ever-enduring mercy upon us, He calls and expects us to be merciful to one another. This is a way of showing our gratefulness for the mercy which God has given us.

Proverbs 11:17

17 The merciful man does good for his own soul, But he who is cruel troubles his own flesh.

- The merciful man does good for his own soul because mercifulness is one of the attributes of God and whenever we manifest any of His attributes it is pleasing in His sight, considering that God created man to be after His likeness (like Him), meaning we are intended to be merciful (compassionate/sympathetic/forgiving).
- The everlasting mercy of God is also shown in the fact that God allows the blessings of His sun to shine and His rain to fall on both the just and the unjust (those who are in right relationship with God and those who reject Him).

Matthew 5:43-48

⁴³ "You have heard that it was said, '*You shall love your neighbor and hate your enemy.*' ⁴⁴ But I say to you, love your enemies, bless those⁴

who curse you, do good to those who hate you, and pray for those who spitefully use you and persecute you, ⁴⁵ that you may be sons of your Father in heaven; for He makes His sun rise on the evil and on the good, and sends rain on the just and on the unjust. ⁴⁶ For if you love those who love you, what reward have you? Do not even the tax collectors do the same? ⁴⁷ And if you greet your brethren only, what do you do more *than others*? Do not even the tax collectors do so? ⁴⁸ Therefore you shall be perfect, just as your Father in heaven is perfect.

- Mercy says I will treat my those who make themselves my enemies just as well as I treat my friends even though they don't deserve any favors from me. It is not our job to "even the score". It's always our job to manifest the love and mercy of Christ and we are to let God handle the payment (judgment) for sins against His children

Romans 12:17-21

17 Repay no one evil for evil. Have regard for good things in the sight of all men. **18** If it is possible, as much as depends on you, live peaceably with all men. **19** Beloved, do not avenge yourselves, but rather give place to wrath; for it is written, "Vengeance is Mine, I will repay," says the Lord. **20** Therefore "If your enemy is hungry, feed him; If he is thirsty, give him a drink; For in so doing you will heap coals of fire on his head." **21** Do not be overcome by evil, but overcome evil with good.

- Mercy is also to have pity on those in need and to supply their need though they have not earned it.

Psalms 41:1-3

1 Blessed is he who considers the poor; The Lord will deliver him in time of

trouble. **2** The Lord will preserve him and keep him alive, And he will be blessed on the earth; You will not deliver him to the will of his enemies.

3 The Lord will strengthen him on his bed of illness; You will sustain him on his sickbed.

Proverbs 14:31

31 He who oppresses the poor reproaches his Maker,
But he who honors Him has mercy on the needy.

- To give alms (money and/or assistance) to the poor and needy is to give honor and glory to the Father who is the creator of both those who have and those who have not. To refuse assistance when you are able to assist is an insult to God, as neglect to one of His children.

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Isaiah 58:10-11

10 If you extend your soul to the hungry And satisfy the afflicted soul, Then your light shall dawn in the darkness, And your darkness shall be as the noonday. **11** The Lord will guide you continually, And satisfy your soul in drought, And strengthen your bones; You shall be like a watered garden, And like a spring of water, whose waters do not fail.

- We must understand that what a person does for or to a child, it is as if they have done it for or to their parent. You will honor the parent by doing something positive for the child, or anger the parent by doing something negative to the child. So it is with God, if you do something for one of His then you have done it for Him.

(see Matthew 25:34-40)

- Those who are merciful are blessed because God Himself assures that they shall also obtain mercy, those who are forgiving will obtain forgiveness, those who give to one in need shall have provision in their time of need:

Matthew 6:14-15

14 "For if you forgive men their trespasses, your heavenly Father will also forgive you. **15** But if you do not forgive men their trespasses, neither will your Father forgive your trespasses.

Luke 6:38

38 Give, and it will be given to you: good measure, pressed down, shaken together, and running over will be put into your bosom. For with the same measure that you use, it will be measured back to you. 10 †††

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