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THE MERCIFUL

(Matthew 5:7)

INTRODUCTION - "Blessed are the merciful, for they shall obtain mercy"

We think of mercy in terms of remission of a penalty; relaxing an enforceable demand.

Greeks: mercy is moved by pity to relieve misery; kindness or good-will towards the afflicted joined with a desire to relieve them; aid those who suffer.

Latin adds: pain of heart; to be grieved at the distressed condition of mankind; sympathy; compassion (to suffer with); or to identify with those who suffer.

Defined in ur text: a pity that moves us to benevolence; out-going good-will to others; to forgo personal gratification to make the lives of others easy and happy.

1. EXAMPLES

(Luke 18:13) "God, be merciful to me a sinner."

(Luke 10:33-34) "A certain Samaritan, as he journeyed, came where he was.

And when he saw him, he had compassion. So he went to him and bandaged his wounds, pouring oil and wine, and he set him on his own animal, brought him to an inn, and took care of him."

(v37) "And he said, He who showed mercy on him."

(Matthew 17:15) "Lord, have mercy on my son"

(Luke 17:13) "Jesus, Master, have mercy on us."

Conclusion: "Mercy" is personalized action; out-going good-will; seeking to relieve misery, suffering, and affliction; the "mercy" of the beatitude is always extended for the other's best interest or well-being, to be a blessing to them, and it's beneficial.

2. WHAT "MERCY" IS NOT

Not being overly lenient; meaning, to allow wrong behavior to continue, to just look the other way, to treat something as if it never happened, to display a lack of discipline (training, education, nurture).

"Mercy" is tempered with justice (in harmony with).

(Romans 6:1-2) "What shall we say then? Shall we continue in sin that grace may abound? Certainly not!"

3. THE BLESSING IS: "FOR THEY SHALL OBTAIN MERCY"

The beatitude teaches a lesson on "giving and receiving"

It's the principle of return: (Luke 6:31; Luke 6:38; Gal. 6:7; Matthew 6:12; James 2:13; Hosea 8:7)

The ultimate "mercy" is from God: (Matthew 6:14-15)

(Titus 3:5; Psalm 100:1-5; Psalm 130:7-8)