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Theme – THE BEATITUDES (Las Bienaventuranzas) Matthew 5:3-12

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Session #5 (Fri. Jan. 25, 10:15am) – Mathew 5:7 Message Notes –

Mat 5:7 Blessed are the merciful, For they shall obtain mercy.

Mat 5:7 Bienaventurados los misericordiosos, porque ellos alcanzarán misericordia.

OPENING PRAYER

INTRODUCTION:

We continue with verse 7, the fifth Beatitude!

Blessed (Oh how Happy) the merciful for they shall obtain mercy!

Important Points:

1. Again keeping mind that The Beatitudes are for His disciples, not the multitudes, we believers, the merciful, are oh, so happy in that Christ-like, living of receiving His mercy and being merciful.

2. The nature of our merciful God the Father: that is the message that changes people:

Exo 34:6 *And the LORD passed before him and proclaimed, "The LORD, the LORD God, merciful and gracious, longsuffering, and abounding in goodness and truth,*

Exo 34:7 *keeping mercy for thousands, forgiving iniquity and transgression and sin, by no means clearing the guilty, visiting the iniquity of the fathers upon the children and the children's children to the third and the fourth generation."*

Exo 34:6 Y pasando Jehová por delante de él, proclamó: ¡Jehová! ¡Jehová! fuerte, misericordioso y piadoso; tardo para la ira, y grande en misericordia y verdad;

Exo 34:7 que guarda misericordia a millares, que perdona la iniquidad, la rebelión y el pecado, y que de ningún modo tendrá por inocente al malvado; que visita la iniquidad de los padres sobre los hijos y sobre los hijos de los hijos, hasta la tercera y cuarta generación.

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Tit 3:6 *whom He poured out on us abundantly through Jesus Christ our Savior,*

Tit 3:7 *that having been justified by His grace we should become heirs according to the hope of eternal life.*

1Pe 1:3 *Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, who according to His abundant mercy has begotten us again to a living hope through the resurrection of Jesus Christ from the dead,*

1Pe 1:4 to an inheritance incorruptible and undefiled and that does not fade away, reserved in heaven for you,

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1Pe 1:6 In this you greatly rejoice, though now for a little while, if need be, you have been grieved by various trials,

1Pe 1:7 that the genuineness of your faith, being much more precious than gold that perishes, though it is tested by fire, may be found to praise, honor, and glory at the revelation of Jesus Christ,

1Pe 1:8 whom having not seen you love. Though now you do not see Him, yet believing, you rejoice with joy inexpressible and full of glory,

1Pe 1:9 receiving the end of your faith—the salvation of your souls.

3. Because of God's great mercy we have the promise of obtaining His mercy!

Note the Model Prayer from our Lord Jesus: *Mat 6:12 And forgive us our debts, As we forgive our debtors.*

4. You're really happy when you are merciful!

You know you've done something good to someone God loves, perhaps someone maybe God is trying to reach.

5. Mercy changes others ("The multitudes")them.

It changes you, too!

6. We no longer live just for ourselves.

We're members of His family.

We must now live as such members, aware that the multitudes are observing!

The place occupied by this particular Beatitude in the series furnishes a sure key to its interpretation. The first **four may be regarded as describing the initial exercises of heart in one who** has been awakened by the Spirit,

whereas the next four treat of the subsequent fruits.

In the preceding verse the soul is seen hungering and thirsting after Christ, and then filled by Him.

Here we are shown the first effect and evidence of this.

Having received mercy from the Lord, the saved sinner now exercises mercy unto others.

It is not that God requires us to be merciful in order to obtain His mercy—that would be to overthrow the whole scheme of grace—

but having been made the recipient of His wondrous grace.

I cannot now but act graciously toward others.

That which is signified by "they shall obtain mercy" will come before us in this verse.

Mat 5:7 Blessed - Mat 5:7 Bienaventurados

First Phrase - Mat 5:7 "Blessed Mat 5:7 Bienaventurados

- Blessed - As has been said, it means
- "Oh how happy!"
- Happiness, blessedness, sheer bliss"!
- True happiness comes out of a right relationship with God.
- It cannot be discovered by direct pursuit.
- This is the word that David used in *Psalm 1:1 "Blessed (Oh the blessedness) is the man*

Who walks not in the counsel of the ungodly...

- The merciful are happy, Mat_5:7.
- This, like the rest of the Beatitudes, is inconsistent; for the merciful are **not taken to be the wisest, nor are likely to be the richest; yet Christ pronounces them blessed.**
- **With position comes the promise!**
- **The position of being a child of His Kingdom; a child of God; a believer!**
- Again, note this message from Jesus is not for the multitudes, but for His disciples!
- God has in these Beatitudes, multiple methods of happiness available for us.
- **Happy are the merciful for they shall obtain mercy!**

Second phrase:

are the merciful, los misericordiosos,

The merciful

- Definition of Merciful: ἐλεήμων - eleēmōn - el-eh-ay'-mone—
- Full of mercy, compassionate, showing or exercising mercy, forgiving, showing pity, lenient, kind, softhearted, gracious, It's the opposite of cruel.
- The Merciful are blessed.
- Mercy is twofold.
- We call it pity when it has compassion on those who are suffering;
- we call it mercy when it extends forgiveness to those who have done us wrong. **Jesus, Father forgive them! Stephen, do not lay this charge against them.**
- The meek man endures an injury; the merciful man forgives it.
- The tender - hearted: they who love all men as themselves:
- **They shall obtain mercy –**
- **Whatever mercy therefore we desire from God,**
- **the same let us show to our brethren.**
- He will repay us a thousand fold,
- the love we bear to any for his sake.
- Let's look at what **it's not:**
- The Parable of the Unforgiving Servant (Matthew 18:23-35)
- In the parable of the unmerciful debtor,
- the servant to whom his lord forgave ten thousand talents
- was naturally expected to exercise the small measure of the same compassion required for forgiving his fellow servant's debt of a hundred pence;
- and it is only when, instead of this,
- he relentlessly imprisoned him till he should pay it up,
- that his lord's indignation was roused,
- and **he who was designed for a vessel of mercy is treated as a vessel of wrath.**
- **A heart that is so moved that it reacts in a merciful manner!**
- This virtue, therefore, is no other than a lively emotion of the heart,
- which is excited by the discovery of any creature's misery.
- **Such an emotion as manifests itself outwardly, by effects suited to its nature.**
- **In our Lord's kingdom, the merciful are blessed ...**
- ***for they shall obtain mercy.***
- To be merciful means to be actively compassionate.
- **In one sense it means to withhold punishment from offenders who deserve it.**
- **In a wider sense it means to help others in need who cannot help themselves.**
- **Tit 3:4** But when the kindness and the love of God our Savior toward man appeared,
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- We imitate God when we have compassion.
- God showed mercy in sparing us from the judgment which our sins deserved
- and in demonstrating kindness to us through the saving work of Christ.
- ***1Pe 1:3*** ***Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, who according to His abundant mercy has*** *begotten us again to a living hope through the resurrection of Jesus Christ from the dead,*
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Third phrase:

For they shall obtain mercy -- porque ellos alcanzarán misericordia.

- ***Psa 18:25 With the merciful You will show Yourself merciful; With a blameless man You will show Yourself blameless;***
- ***Mat 6:12 And forgive us our debts, As we forgive our debtors.***
- ***Mat 6:14 "For if you forgive men their trespasses, your heavenly Father will also forgive you.***
- ***Mat 6:15 But if you do not forgive men their trespasses, neither will your Father forgive your trespasses.***
- ***Jas 2:13 For judgment is without mercy to the one who has shown no mercy. Mercy triumphs over judgment.***
- While one is **never to look back on the mercy received as the source and motive of the mercy which he shows,**
- he **also looks forward to the mercy which he yet needs,**
- and **which he is assured that the merciful shall receive,**
- **as provoking us to show mercy to others.**
- **Mercy cannot be purchased for a price,**
- **but it is a gift of the mercy of God.**
- **What mercy can those vindictive persons expect, who forgive nothing,**
- **and are always ready to improve every advantage they have of avenging themselves?**
- **Whatever mercy a man shows to another,**
- **God will take care to show the same to him. “**
- **He who shows mercy to men, God will show mercy to him: but to him who shows no mercy to man, God will show no mercy.**
- **Nowhere do we imitate God more than in showing mercy.**
- In nothing does God delight more than in the exercise of mercy.
- To us, guilty sinners, wretched, dying, and exposed to eternal woe,
- He has shown His mercy by giving His Son to die for us;

- by expressing His willingness to pardon and save us;
- and by sending His Spirit to renew and sanctify our hearts.
- Each day of our life, each hour, and each moment, we partake of His undeserved mercy.
- All the blessings we enjoy are proofs of His mercy.
- If we, **then, show mercy to the poor, the wretched, the guilty, it shows that we are like God.**
- We have His spirit, and shall not lose our reward.
- And we have abundant opportunity to do it.
- **Our world is full of guilt and woe, which we may help to relieve;**
- **Every day of our lives we have opportunity, by helping the poor and wretched,**
- **By forgiving those who injure us, to show that we are like God. Like Moses in Numbers 12 – this morning's prayer time!**

For they shall obtain mercy. - misericordia.

- **What is mercy? We spoke of merciful above – same root word**
- In the Old Testament, it means “full of compassion.
- **The nature of God the Father: that the message that changes people:**
- Biblical examples:
- **Exo 34:6** *And the LORD passed before him and proclaimed, "The LORD, the LORD God, merciful and gracious, longsuffering, and abounding in goodness and truth, [7] keeping mercy for thousands, forgiving iniquity and transgression and sin, by no means clearing the guilty, visiting the iniquity of the fathers upon the children and the children's children to the third and the fourth generation."*
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- **Psa 57:3** *He shall send from heaven and save me; He reproaches the one who would swallow me up. Selah. God shall send forth His mercy and His truth.*
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- In the New Testament –

- it comes from the Latin word *misericordia*, from which ours is derived.
- It is composed of two words: miserans, pitying, and cor, the heart;
- or miseria cordis, pain of heart.
- Mercy supposes two things:
- A distressed object: and,
- A disposition of the heart, through which it is affected at the sight of such an object.
- This mercy is something more than a feeling:
- it is an operative principle.
- It not only stirs the heart,
- but it moves the hand to render help unto those in need, f
- or the one cannot be severed from the other.
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SUMMARY/APPLICATION:

- After you have gone through the emptying process and you're filled with God's love,
- you'll be merciful toward others—
- no longer judgmental, critical, or analytical.
- Truly, the more righteous a man is, the more merciful he will be.
- The more sinful a man is,
- the more harsh and critical he will be.
- Because we have received the mercy of God through repentance,
- we can be merciful.
- If we aren't merciful, we haven't actually received God's mercy.
- Every time an obedient act is done by one of God's people, the Kingdom of God flashes to a revealing that there is another kingdom.
- A higher than the worldly kingdom, that of the Kingdom of God!
- The Kingdom of God is an invisible kingdom that is made visible by the obedience of God's people!
- The Beatitudes characterize our lives as a disciple of the Lord Jesus in that Kingdom.
- Here we're told how to represent His family, becoming a part of His kingdom.
- Now **Jesus comes along and says to us.**
- **You don't just represent yourself anymore, you represent the family of God.**
- That we're part of another kingdom!
- So the Beatitudes tell us how we are to live.
- **How completely are these Beatitudes, these disciple like characteristics, reflected in your life?**
- **Right now, does your life characterize these?**
- **How merciful are you?**
- Mercy is **more powerful** than we will ever know.

- And **the beautiful thing is, we have a promise attached to it!**
- That says, You shall obtain mercy when you are merciful!
- That's true! I like mercy!
- I want always to obtain it and **there is always a way to do it and it's a guarantee!**
- And **you're really happy when you are merciful!**
- You know you've done something good to someone God loves.
- Someone that maybe God is trying to reach.
- Mercy changes them! It changes you, too!
- You know you really are happy when you are merciful.
- God loves people. People are people –
- Wouldn't you rather have them be a little bit better than they are?
- We offer the only thing – that the rest of the world can't understand this verse –
- We offer mercy!
- Mercy can change someone!
- Oh, the stories that we hear of the things of how lives have been changed
- How they have been rescued.
- And that change that rescued them is understanding God's mercy.
- Their recognition that the mercy of God is for them!
- People get saved when the mercy of God becomes known to them!
- I got saved when I found the mercy of God was for me! So how do we do these things?
- **HOW!**
- Let's move on from the “what the characteristics are as His disciples”
- to the “how” of what we're to do!
- The Beatitudes that He gives us here are attitudes that will characterize our lives as a disciple of the Lord Jesus.
- Here in these verses we have what He want from His disciples.
- We need and must know “how” we are to have these attitudes to properly represent being His and to witness to the multitudes all around us.
- It's important to find the “How”, in order to be like the Lord.
- God never gives us a command without the enablement to that command.
- **SURRENDER!**
- **First we need to Surrender.**
- We need to come to the Lord and **completely and totally surrender to Him –**
- “At this point, Lord, my life looks like about only one half of these Beatitudes”!
- Lord, I want to surrender totally to You so my life can be like we're being shown here.
- For my life as well as for the sake of the multitudes watching my life.
- So the first thing to to **SURRENDER!**
- **BAPTIZE (FILL) ME WITH YOUR HOLY SPIRIT!**
- Secondly, Ask the Lord -- **Lord, baptize me with Your Holy Spirit!**
- **Fill me to overflowing with Your Holy Spirit!**
- So I can be a witness for You anywhere in the world, wherever I am.
- In Jerusalem and the utter parts of the world.
- To be a witness for the Lord when I'm at home;
- Also when I'm on the other side of the world.
- Here's that power to live that life wherever I go.
- We need to **SURRENDER AND BE BAPTIZED OR FILLED TO OVERFLOWING WITH THE HOLY SPIRIT!**

- **LIVE IN INTIMACY! - ABIDE IN HIM!**
- Thirdly having surrendered and having received the baptism with the Holy Spirit or being refilled with the Holy Spirit, if I have already received,
- There is that **day by day abiding in Him**, which is simply, **obeying Him**.
- So when I do these things it will just happen.
- God will do these things, supernaturally!
- We need to just let it happen!
- **Mat 5:16** *Let your light so shine before men, that they may see your good works and glorify your Father in heaven.*
- You don't have to struggle and fight, Just let it happen!
- Just walk with Me!
- Don't hide it! And it will happen!
- The great illustration, as it relates to fruitfulness is that as we are Surrendering to Him, overflowing with the power of the Holy Spirit, abiding in Him!
- There is that fruit that comes out of that relationship!
- When you walk through an orchard where all kinds of fruit is growing, there is no groaning, no struggling.
- The fruit just comes out of the relationship between the roots and the earth which supplies the nutrients and the water.
- It's just like that with us.
- His faithful, supernatural, producing of fruit in our lives

CLOSING PRAYER