



## HAPPY ARE THE MERCIFUL

**Matthew 5:7 Blessed are the merciful: for they shall obtain mercy.**

*(LB) God blesses those who are merciful, for they will be shown mercy.*

*Matthew 3:9 (NLT) Don't just say to each other, 'We're safe, for we are descendants of Abraham.' That means nothing, for I tell you, God can create children of Abraham from these very stones. 10 Even now the ax of God's judgment is poised, ready to sever the roots of the trees. Yes, every tree that does not produce good fruit will be chopped down and thrown into the fire.*

*Proverbs 4:23 Above all else, guard your heart, for everything you do flows from it.*

*Matthew 9:4 "And Jesus, knowing their thoughts, said, Why are you thinking evil things in your hearts?"*

*Amos 5:22 Though you offer Me burnt offerings and your grain offerings, I will not accept them, nor will I regard your fattened peace offerings. v23 Take away from Me the noise of your songs, for I will not hear the melody of your stringed instruments.*

### 1. THE \_\_\_\_\_ OF MERCY

*Luke 18:10 "Two men went to the Temple to pray. One was a Pharisee, and the other was a despised tax collector. v11 The Pharisee stood and prayed thus with himself...*

*v11 (continued) ...he prayed thus with himself, God, I thank you, that I am not as other men are, extortioners, unjust, adulterers, or even as this tax collector. v12 I fast twice a week, I give tithes of all that I possess.*

*v13a And the tax collector, standing afar off, would not lift up so much as his eyes unto heaven.*

*v13b ...Instead, he beat his chest in sorrow, saying, 'O God, be merciful to me, for I am a sinner.'*

*v14 "I tell you that this man (tax collector), rather than the other, went home justified before God. For all those who exalt themselves will be humbled, and those who humble themselves will be exalted."*

*Matthew 9:36 But when he saw the multitudes, he was moved with compassion on them, because they fainted, and were scattered abroad, as sheep having no shepherd.*

### 2. THE \_\_\_\_\_ OF MERCY

*Matthew 9:10 Now it happened, as Jesus sat at the table in the house, that behold, many tax collectors and sinners came and sat down with Him and His disciples. 11 And when the Pharisees saw it, they said to His disciples, "Why does your Teacher eat with tax collectors and sinners?" 12 When Jesus heard that, He said to them, "Those who are well have no need of a physician, but those who are sick.*

*And the Lord said; "You're in deep trouble, you have exchanged the commandment of God to honor your mother and father for a tradition you have invented yourself."*

### 3. THE \_\_\_\_\_ OF MERCY

**Mercy and \_\_\_\_\_ go hand in hand.**

*Titus 3:5 "...but according to his mercy he saved us..."*

*Ephesians 2:4 But God, who is rich in mercy, for his great love wherewith he loved us,*

*Daniel 9:9 "To the Lord our God belong mercies and forgiveness..."*

*Psalms 130:7 Oh Israel, hope in the Lord; for with the Lord there is mercy, and with Him is abundant redemption.*

*Lamentations 3:22 Through the Lord's mercies we are not consumed, because His compassions fail not. 23 They are new every morning; great is Your faithfulness.*

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*John 21:16 "...Simon, son of Jonas, do you love me? He said to him, Yes, Lord; ...He said to him, **Feed my sheep.***