**The blessed character of the merciful – Matt. 5:7**

**Focal Truth: The merciful are blessed with God’s mercy**

**Observations**

1. **What is merciful?**
2. Mercy is a grace of the Holy Spirit given to believers

Eph. 2:4 – but God being rich in mercy, because of the great love with which He loved us

Tit.3:5 – he saved us not on the basis of deeds which we have done in righteousness, but according to mercy…

1. Mercy is a spiritual pain that recognizes the misery of the miserable

Matt. 9:36 – He saw the multitudes, He was moved with compassion for them…

1. Merciful is a spiritual desire to relieve the misery of the miserable

Matt. 14:14 – Jesus saw the great multitude, and He was moved with compassion for them, and healed their sick

1. The merciful must be merciful – show, demonstrate mercy to the miserable
2. **The Lord of mercy is the Lord Jesus Christ**
3. Matt. 9:27 – two blind men followed Him, crying out, have mercy on us
4. Matt. 15:22 – a Canaanite woman began crying out, have mercy on me Lord, my daughter is cruelly demon – possessed
5. Matt. 17:15 – Lord have mercy on my son, for he is a lunatic and is very sick
6. Matt. 20:30 – two blind men sitting beside the road cried, Lord, have mercy on us
7. The Lord Jesus birth was an act of God’s mercy to the world – Mary’s song of praise

Luke 1:46 -55

1:50 – His mercy is upon generation after generation

1:54 – He has given help to Israel in remembrance of His mercy

Luke 1:67 -79 – the prophecy of Zacharias

1:72 – to show mercy toward out fathers

1:78 – because of the tender mercy of our God, with which the Sunrise from on high will visit us

1. Heb. 2:17 – so that He might become a merciful and faithful high priest

**The only pain in heaven is that of the Lord Jesus for the conditions of His saints on earth.**

1. **Character of the merciful**
2. The merciful are mercy -filled

James 3:17 – the wisdom from above is first pure, then peaceable, gentle, reasonable, full of mercy and good fruits, unwavering, without hypocrisy

1. The merciful care for the miserable
2. The merciful help the miserable
3. The merciful give to the miserable
4. **The blessedness of mercy**
5. The merciful are blessed with continued mercy from the Lord Jesus Christ

Heb. 4:16 – let us draw near with confidence to the throne of grace, so that we may receive mercy & find grace to help in time of need

**Things to Remember & Do**

1. The miserable become the merciful through salvation in Christ
2. Praise the Lord! His mercy is more!
3. Grace takes away the sin, mercy takes away the misery
4. Be merciful to the miserable in the name of Jesus