

# **The Beatitudes**

## **Blessed Are the Merciful**

### **Matthew 5:7**

#### **Introduction**

The beatitudes are the eight statements of blessing spoken by Jesus at the beginning of His Sermon on the Mount in Matthew Chapter 5. Each statement begins with “Blessed are...”

1. The word “blessed” describes the prosperity and deep joy of the \_\_\_\_\_.
2. Believers who make a significant impact for God in our world have to be \_\_\_\_\_ from it.
3. Authentic believers know the inner joy and peace that flows out of the \_\_\_\_\_ life of fellowship with Christ.
4. It is the Holy Spirit who graciously provides our inner joy and \_\_\_\_\_.
5. There is a relaxing and quiet gentleness about a person who is \_\_\_\_\_ with God’s Spirit.
6. God emphasizes \_\_\_\_\_ as a part of authentic Christian behavior.
7. God not only wants us to show mercy; He \_\_\_\_\_ on it.
8. Jesus is an \_\_\_\_\_ of what He asks of us in the beatitudes.
9. Jesus understood the eternal \_\_\_\_\_ that faces every person who chooses not to believe in God.
10. Jesus always acknowledges the \_\_\_\_\_ of the Father and never steps outside the Father’s will.
11. The people knew Jesus was powerful, but they also knew He was \_\_\_\_\_.

#### **I. Being Merciful**

12. Jesus heard requests for mercy because people recognized his \_\_\_\_\_ was a demonstration of it.
13. Mercy is one of the \_\_\_\_\_ of God.
14. The merciful are able to care for those who are obviously wrong and deserve \_\_\_\_\_.
15. Mercy is not excusing or overlooking faults and wrongdoing; it is seeing the potential for good and presenting the opportunity for a person to \_\_\_\_\_.
16. Mercy recognizes when the offender is truly \_\_\_\_\_ and wants to change and provides the opportunity for that to happen.
17. Mercy expresses \_\_\_\_\_ even to those who are ready to crucify us with criticism and scorn.
18. Many would have to confess that we are \_\_\_\_\_ only when it serves our own selfish purposes.
19. To be truly Christ-like, believers must learn to be \_\_\_\_\_.

## **II. Receiving Mercy**

20. It's always easier to insist that you're \_\_\_\_\_ and everyone else is wrong.
21. Mercy is not compatible with a self-righteous \_\_\_\_\_.
22. Mercy is a caring concern that attempts to right the wrong without regard for the personal \_\_\_\_\_ involved.
23. You must be able to admit you are at \_\_\_\_\_ to have even a remote chance of receiving mercy.
24. The law says you reap what you \_\_\_\_\_! But Jesus takes this straightforward precept and says, 'If you sow mercy, you will reap mercy.'

25. Some people couldn't stand the fact that Jesus would \_\_\_\_\_ people who were obvious sinners.
26. Because of God's mercy, Jesus willingly offers himself as the \_\_\_\_\_ lamb for the sins of the world.
27. The \_\_\_\_\_ of God must be satisfied.
28. Obtaining mercy requires humility and true \_\_\_\_\_.
29. God's mercy allows me to be \_\_\_\_\_ of my sinfulness, and His forgiveness relieves me of all guilt and shame in his presence.
30. \_\_\_\_\_ destroys and injures the very people God created to be instruments of praise and glory.
31. The mercy of God reaches out to us even at the \_\_\_\_\_ of our sin.
32. Christ calls us to experience His blessing of mercy and then be merciful to \_\_\_\_\_.

### **III. The Blessing of Mercy**

33. God calls upon us to \_\_\_\_\_ mercy before others.
34. We boldly \_\_\_\_\_ sinful behavior, but instead of passing \_\_\_\_\_, we give others an opportunity to experience God's love and forgiveness by offering them God's mercy.
35. The blessing for the merciful is they hear the words of God and in the end, \_\_\_\_\_ His mercy.
36. If you want to live a blessed life, then be a \_\_\_\_\_!
37. Don't be a source of irritation or ridicule, instead, be an \_\_\_\_\_.

### **Conclusion**

38. Remember this. Mercy is not a cover-up for \_\_\_\_\_.

39. \_\_\_\_\_ is a condition that precedes the exercise of mercy.
40. No one can be a subject of mercy unless they realize just how much they deserve \_\_\_\_\_.
41. When mercy is exercised appropriately, it confers intense \_\_\_\_\_ and relief to a person.
42. Mercy is the \_\_\_\_\_ behind God's whole plan of redemption.
43. The manifestation of God's mercy truly confounds Satan and all hell. What can these demons say when they see the personal cost at which God exercises His mercy! Satan's plan to overthrow the Kingdom of Heaven was to introduce sin into our world. But in the end, it has only served to strengthen it because we have obtained the blessing of God's mercy!

#### ANSWERS

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| 1. Soul        | 22. Cost        | 42. virtue |
| 2. Different   | 23. Fault       |            |
| 3. Abundant    | 24. Sow         |            |
| 4. Faith       | 25. Forgive     |            |
| 5. Filled      | 26. Sacrificial |            |
| 6. Mercy       | 27. Justice     |            |
| 7. Insists     | 28. Repentance  |            |
| 8. Example     | 29. Acquitted   |            |
| 9. Separation  | 30. Sin         |            |
| 10. Authority  | 31. Depths      |            |
| 11. Merciful   | 32. Others      |            |
| 12. Life       | 33. Demonstrate |            |
| 13. Attributes | 34. Confront,   |            |
| 14. Judgment   | judgment        |            |
| 15. Change     | 35. Obtain      |            |
| 16. Repentant  | 36. Blessing    |            |
| 17. Compassion | 37. Inspiration |            |
| 18. Kind       | 38. Sin         |            |
| 19. Merciful   | 39. Guilt       |            |
| 20. Right      | 40. Punishment  |            |
| 21. Attitude   | 41. Joy         |            |