

Sermon on the Mount – Handout #3

Mathew 5:7-12

v. 7 – Blessed are the merciful for they shall obtain mercy – Those who are merciful are compassionate, charitable, inclined to help, pity persons in trouble, affliction, in misery.

(Job 6:14 (Job speaking) To him that is afflicted pity should be shewed from his friend;) There is expectation from God and others that the righteous, redeemed of the Lord, to whom mercy has been shown, will be merciful and compassionate.

Mathew 18:21-35 – Tells us the story of the unforgiving servant who was shown compassion but do not show compassion when he had opportunity.

One sense is to withhold punishment from offenders who deserve it—just as God did for us. Psalm 32: Blessed is he whose transgression is forgiven, whose sin is covered. Blessed is the man unto whom the Lord imputeth not iniquity; and in whose spirit there is no guile.

In another sense it is to help those who cannot help themselves.

v. 8 – Blessed are the pure in heart for they shall see God. Motives are unmixed, conscience is clear and clean. Psalm 24:3,4 Asks who shall ascend into the hill of the Lord or who shall stand in His holy place? He that has clean hands and a pure heart.

2 Timothy 2:22 – we call on the Lord out of a pure heart; We think about things from a place of purity.

The pure see God through the fellowship of the Spirit and the Word. They will see God by seeing Jesus in a body. We shall see God in eternity. Right now we see God by faith, and we understand and accept His works by faith. We don't look at our lives through the eyes of selfish desires, but from a pure heart, trusting God. This enables us to see Him, and to see His glory.

DON'T BE DISCOURAGED IF YOU DO THINGS FROM A PURE HEART AND OTHERS SUSPECT YOU OF OTHER MOTIVES. THE MOST IMPORTANT THING IS FOR YOU TO KNOW THAT YOU ARE OPERATING OUT OF A PURE HEART, AND GOD KNOWS IT. ALSO, JUST BECAUSE WE OPERATE OUT OF A PURE HEART DOES NOT MEAN THAT WE CAN'T MAKE MISTAKES; IT JUST MEANS THAT OUR MOTIVES WERE PURE.

v. 9 – Blessed are the peacemakers for they shall be called the children of God. They shall be recognized as those who have the characteristics of God's children. They are not just peaceful, they pursue peace, try to bring peace, try to bring others to peace.

v.10-12 – Blessed are they which are persecuted for righteousness' sake, theirs is the kingdom of heaven. Blessed, also, when persecuted for Christ's sake. Rejoice for great is your reward, for the prophets were also persecuted. Others have been in that same place.