

Attitudes That Result In Happiness

Blessed *are* the poor in spirit,
For theirs is the kingdom of heaven.

Blessed *are* those who mourn,
For they shall be comforted.

Blessed *are* the meek,
For they shall inherit the earth.

Blessed *are* those who hunger and thirst for
righteousness,
For they shall be filled,

**Blessed *are* the merciful,
For they shall obtain mercy.**

Blessed *are* the pure in heart,
For they shall see God.

Blessed *are* the peacemakers,
For they shall be called sons of God.

Blessed *are* those who are persecuted for righteousness'
sake,
For theirs is the kingdom of heaven.

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Series: The Beatitudes

Matthew 5:3-10

People of Grace

Point: Let's leave the shaming to the Pharisees & take up mercy-giving.

Reasons to be merciful:

**The Church is not like Jesus until _____ is it's
hallmark**

Only _____ will receive mercy

Each of us will be judged like he _____

**Satan advances destructively when we judge
others' _____**

MERCY & GRACE

Grace and *mercy* are two often-used words. What do they mean? They are not the same but we could say they are “sisters.”

Here is a story to help us understand (adapted from David Chadwick’s story). The young boy defiantly said, “No!” when he was told by his father to do something. What did dad feel but confusion and anger at the boy’s disobedience? Dad ordered the boy to his room and followed him after a few minutes. Fear & guilt had entered the boy’s heart and as soon as his dad entered his room and started to talk to the boy he broke down and cried and asked his dad to forgive him. They talked and dad forgave him. This was mercy because the father absorbed the misdeed and did not give punishment.

Then dad practiced grace, a sister to mercy. While mercy sets aside punishment though guilt is real, *Grace gives favor*.

The father went to the front door, called for his son to follow him to the car. The boy was puzzled but then surprised as dad pulled up in front of the ice cream shop. The boy got favor. First dads, let’s give mercy when forgiveness is sought. That takes care of the guilt. But, then, give grace to re-establish fellowship and closeness.

This is what our dear Heavenly Father does. When we ask for forgiveness when we are guilty, He freely forgives us and then He gives us grace of not holding it against us, rather, He favors us with blessings and fellowship. Isn’t He great! I want to be like that.

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