

Valley Bible Church
Sermon Notes for February 19, 1984

Blessed Are the Merciful
Matthew 5:7
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1. What mercy is: The outpouring of becoming poor in spirit. Merciful: is demonstrating mercy, having pity, to meet needs.

We need to be able to identify needs both physical and spiritual. As Paul was sent out, the words of the apostles were “remember the poor.”

Matthew 12:1-7 Christ desires “compassion, mercy and not a sacrifice.”

Spiritual needs can only be met by Christ. We who have Christ can share Him with others. This is meeting the need with the resource we have, the gospel.

2. What mercy is not: Mercy is not necessarily responding to what people feel their needs to be. Responding to feelings.

God has chosen to minister to the real need not to the felt need. Christ as the example never backed-off from the truth.

3. What mercy produces: mercy.

The example is Jesus, who gave up everything, saved, healed. He was merciful, yet He was crucified.

We will receive mercy from God.