INDUCTIVE STUDY ON THE BEATITUDES (6)

THE REWARD OF BEING MERCIFUL (1)

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PS 41:1-10; Matt. 5:7; Eph. 4:32

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~ Matthew 5:7

Mercy means responding to another person's suffering or failure with compassion rather than simply giving them what they deserve. It is an act of love without restraints or strings attached despite obvious reasons for defence. In this study, we shall look at

1. THE DYNAMICS OF MERCY
2. THE DEMANDS OF MERCY.

1. THE DYNAMICS OF MERCY. Eph 2:4-5

Mercy does not mean approving sin. It is compassion expressed through action, a decision to withhold judgment that someone deserves by extending grace. It should never be misunderstood as weakness or compromise. It is simply love governed by truth and grace. Its dynamism can be expressed through the following

a) Rejecting the sin while loving the sinner to guarantee restoration. 2 Sam 12:1-13; Mark. 2:14-17; John 8:1-11.
In the cases above, we see mercy separating the PERSON from FAILURE and confronting SIN so that the SINNER can be restored to God

b) Correct someone while remaining compassionate. 2 Cor 2:6-8
Mercy knows when to CONFRONT and to COMFORT. We must correct the behaviour without crushing the person. The aim of mercy is to transform and not to destroy.

c) Establish righteous boundaries without hatred. Gen. 13:5-11; 1 Cor. 9:19-23.

Rather than dwell together and probably have greater conflict, Abraham established boundaries between himself and Lot. Later on in life, when Lot was captured, Abraham risked himself to rescue Lot. Mercy does not mean giving unlimited access to someone who continually causes harm. Set boundaries. You need to live in order to evangelize to more souls. Despite the glorious heaven Elijah was to embark on, Elisha did not ask Elijah to go with

Scripture References

Psalm 41:1-10
1 Blessed is he that considereth the poor: the Lord will deliver him in time of trouble.
2 The Lord will preserve him, and keep him alive; and he shall be blessed upon the earth: and thou wilt not deliver him unto the will of his enemies.
3 The Lord will strengthen him upon the bed of languishing: thou wilt make all his bed in his sickness.
4 I said, Lord, be merciful unto me: heal my soul; for I have sinned against thee.
5 Mine enemies speak evil of me, When shall he die, and his name perish?
6 And if he come to see me, he speaketh vanity: his heart gathereth iniquity to itself; when he goeth abroad, he telleth it.
7 All that hate me whisper together against me: against me do they devise my hurt.
8 An evil disease, say they, cleaveth fast unto him: and now that he lieth he shall rise up no more.
9 Yea, mine own familiar friend, in whom I trusted, which did eat of my bread, hath lifted up his heel against me.
10 But thou, O Lord, be merciful unto me, and raise me up, that I may requite them.

Matthew 5:7
7 Blessed are the merciful: for they shall obtain mercy.

Ephesians 4:32
32 And be ye kind one to another, tenderhearted, forgiving one another, even as God for Christ's sake hath forgiven you.

2 Samuel 12:1-13 (Use Bible)
1 And the Lord sent Nathan unto David. And he came unto him, and said unto him, There were two men in one city; the one rich, and the other poor.
2 The rich man had exceeding many flocks and herds:
3 But the poor man had nothing, save one little ewe lamb, which he had bought and nourished up: and it grew up together with him, and with his children; it did eat of his own meat, and drank of his own cup, and lay in his bosom, and was unto him as a daughter.
4 And there came a traveller unto the rich man, and he spared to take of his own flock and of his own herd, to dress for the wayfaring man that was come unto him; but took the poor man's lamb, and dressed it for the man that was come to him.
5 And David's anger was greatly kindled against the man; and he said to Nathan, As the Lord liveth, the man that hath done this thing shall surely die:

him. 2 Kings 2:9

d) Forgive without pretending the wrong never happened. Gen 37; 45:1-15; 50:15-21
Joseph did not pretend that the betrayal did not happen. He too needed the wounds healed. Gen. 50:20. What happened was wrong, but I refuse to allow what happened to determine the condition of my heart. Jesus did not permanently address Peter by his failure. He was restored and responsibility entrusted into his hands. John 21:17

e) When we recognize where to apply mercy, and we release it, we will surely reap mercy. Luke 6:36-38. This is not an attempt to manipulate God. A merciful lifestyle automatically places us in alignment with the character of God and the operation of His mercy.

The question to reflect on is: Am I compassionate toward people who have failed, erred or wronged me at one time or the other in the journey of life?

HYMN

Amazing grace (how sweet the sound)
that saved a wretch like me!
I once was lost, but now am found,
was blind, but now I see.

2 'Twas grace that taught my heart to fear,
and grace my fears relieved;
how precious did that grace appear
the hour I first believed!

3 Through many dangers, toils and snares
I have already come:
'tis grace has brought me safe thus far,
and grace will lead me home.

4 The Lord has promised good to me,
his word my hope secures;
he will my shield and portion be
as long as life endures.

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Mark 2:14-17
14 And as he passed by, he saw Levi the son of Alphaeus sitting at the receipt of custom, and said unto him, Follow me. And he arose and followed him.
15 And it came to pass, that, as Jesus sat at meat in his house, many publicans and sinners sat also together with Jesus and his disciples: for there were many, and they followed him.
16 And when the scribes and Pharisees saw him eat with publicans and sinners, they said unto his disciples, How is it that he eateth and drinketh with publicans and sinners?
17 When Jesus heard it, he saith unto them, They that are whole have no need of the physician, but they that are sick: I came not to call the righteous, but sinners to repentance.

John 8:1-11
1 Jesus went unto the mount of Olives.
2 And early in the morning he came again into the temple, and all the people came unto him; and he sat down, and taught them.
3 And the scribes and Pharisees brought unto him a woman taken in adultery; and when they had set her in the midst,
4 They say unto him, Master, this woman was taken in adultery, in the very act.
5 Now Moses in the law commanded us, that such should be stoned: but what sayest thou?
6 This they said, tempting him, that they might have to accuse him. But Jesus stooped down, and with his finger wrote on the ground, as though he heard them not.

2 Corinthians 2:6-8
6 Sufficient to such a man is this punishment, which was inflicted of many.
7 So that contrariwise ye ought rather to forgive him, and comfort him, lest perhaps such a one should be swallowed up with overmuch sorrow.
8 Wherefore I beseech you that ye would confirm your love toward him.

Genesis 13:5-11 ~ Use Bible
5 And Lot also, which went with Abram, had flocks, and herds, and tents.
6 And the land was not able to bear them, that they might dwell together: for their substance was great, so that they could not dwell together.
7 And there was a strife between the herdmen of Abram's cattle and the herdmen of Lot's cattle: and the Canaanite and the Perizzite dwelled then in the land.
8 And Abram said unto Lot, Let there be no strife, I pray thee, between me and thee, and between my herdmen and thy herdmen; for we be brethren.
9 Is not the whole land before thee? separate thyself, I pray thee, from me: if thou wilt take the left hand, then I will go to the right; or if thou depart to the right hand, then I will go to the left.

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