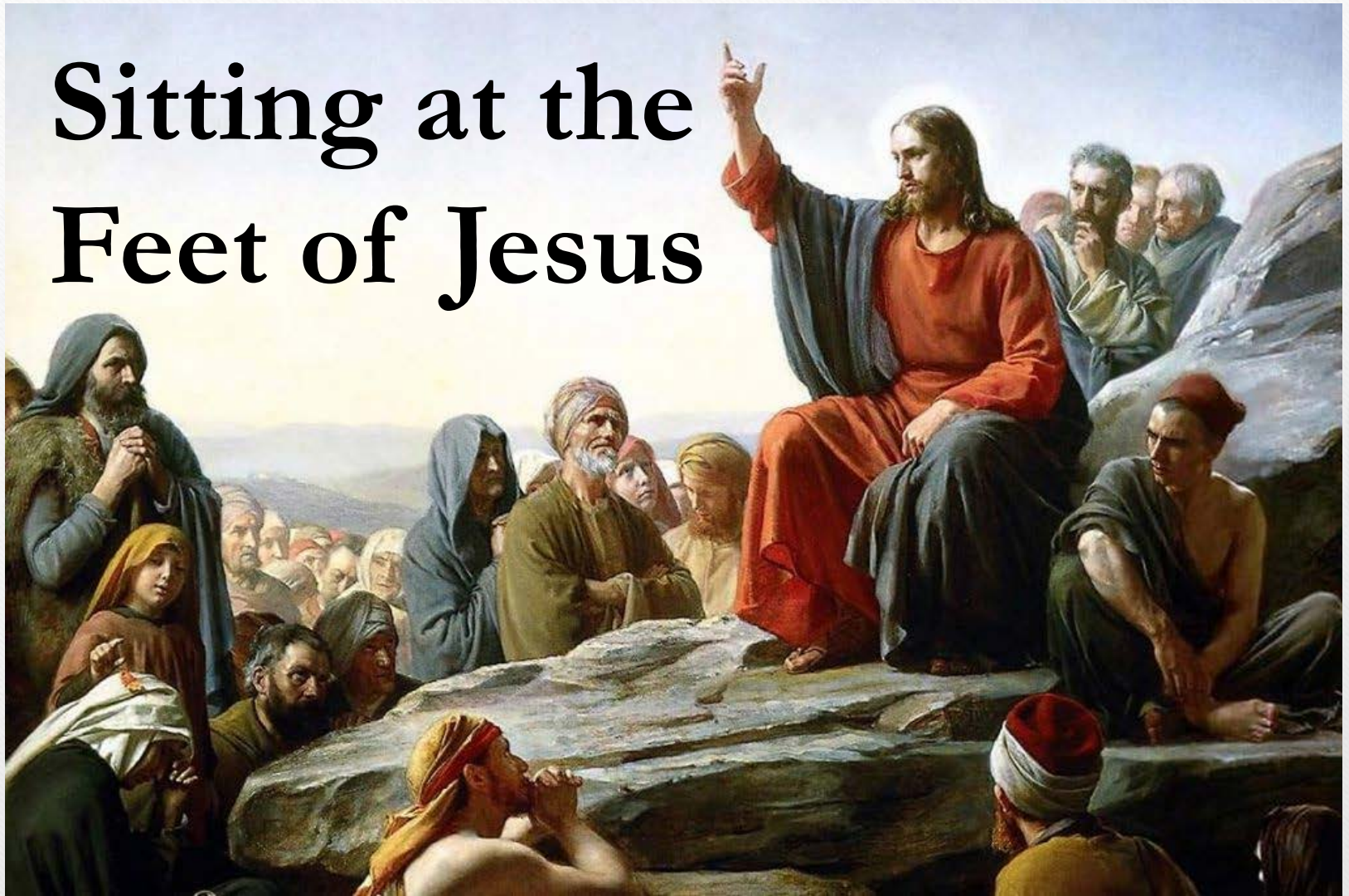


Sitting at the Feet of Jesus



The Sermon on the Mount

Matthew 5-7

Matthew 5: 1 (NASB)

When Jesus saw the crowds, He went up on the mountain; and after He sat down, His disciples came to Him.

Matthew 5: 2 (NASB)

He opened His mouth and
began to teach them,
saying,

Matthew 5: 3 (NASB)

“Blessed are the poor in spirit, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven.”

Matthew 5: 4 (NASB)

“Blessed are those who
mourn, for they shall be
comforted.”

Matthew 5: 5 (NIV)

“Blessed are the meek,
for they will inherit the
earth.”

Matthew 5: 6 (NASB)

“Blessed are those who
hunger and thirst for
righteousness, for they shall
be satisfied.”

Matthew 5: 7 (NASB)

“Blessed are the merciful,
for they shall receive
mercy.”

Question

What does it mean to be merciful?

Webster's definition of Mercy

1. compassion or leniency shown especially to an offender or to one subject to one's power
2. a blessing that is an act of divine favor or compassion
3. compassionate treatment of those in distress

Mercy

A genuine desire to help others—not to rule and have power over others.
Seeking to help those in real need

Mercy-John MacArthur:

“Mercy is seeing a man without food and giving him food. Mercy is seeing a person begging for love and giving him love. Mercy is seeing someone lonely and giving him company. Mercy is meeting the need, not just feeling it.”

Mercy-Hendrickson

Possessing a forgiving spirit toward those who sin against them -

Question

Is showing mercy an external or internal act?

Question

How does this differ from the previous teachings of Jesus in this sermon on the mount?

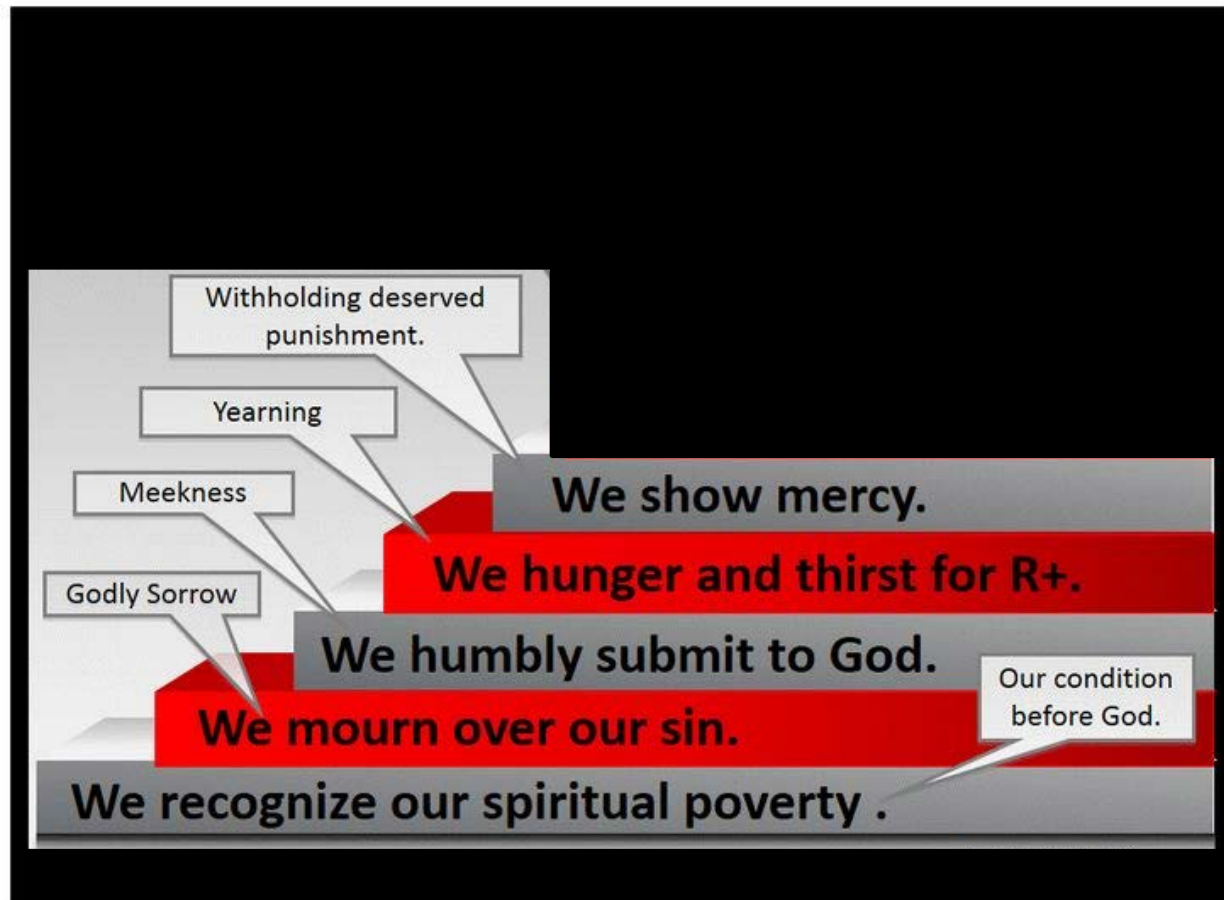
Martyn Lloyd Jones

“A Christian is something before he does something.”

Beatitudes Building Blocks



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Those who realize their spiritual position before a Holy God, will mourn due to their sin, will develop meekness and humility, will hunger and thirst for righteousness and will recognize their need for mercy from God which creates a deep desire to demonstrate that mercy to others.

Question

What is the difference
between Mercy and
Grace?

Grace and Mercy

Grace flows out of mercy
which flows out of love

Grace removes the sin
and mercy pardons the
punishment.

Question

Is God Merciful?

Titus 3: 5(NASB)

He saved us, not on the basis of deeds which we have done in righteousness, but according to His mercy

Question

Why is God merciful?

Ephesians 2: 4 (NASB)

But God, being rich in mercy, because of His great love with which He loved us

Question

How is mercy viewed by
the world?

Question

Is mercy common in the
world today?

Romans 1: 28-31(NASB)

God gave them over to a depraved mind, to do those things which are not proper, being filled with all unrighteousness, wickedness, greed, evil; full of envy, murder,

Romans 1: 28-31(NASB)

strife, deceit, malice;
they are gossips,
slanderers, haters of
God, insolent, arrogant,
boastful, inventors of
evil, disobedient to
parents, without
understanding,

Romans 1: 28-31(NASB)

untrustworthy, unloving,
unmerciful;

How to Show Mercy

1. Have compassion for the lost

Acts 7: 59-60(NASB)

They went on stoning Stephen as he called on the Lord and said, “Lord Jesus, receive my spirit!” Then falling on his knees, he cried out with a loud voice, “Lord, do not hold this sin against them!”

Mercy

The merciful never hold a grudge, they don't retaliate or seek revenge, they are never happy because of someone's mistakes or failure, and they never gossip about another's sin or misfortune.

Mercy

Mercy is the absolute opposite of the world which gossips about others sin and finds joy in the failures of others.

The world is abusive, manipulative, vengeful, and selfish.

Question

What does mankind tend to do when they hear someone was caught in sin, is struggling with something or has suffered some type of misfortune?

Question

Why do people enjoy it
when things go bad for
someone?

Smiling with Envy: Delighting in the Downfall of Others

Jealousy drives schadenfreude.

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The German word *schadenfreude* refers to delighting in the misfortunes of others, when their misfortune is of no real direct benefit to you. Although I feel uneasy even writing it, this happens quite regularly in society. We may (secretly) have a quick smile when someone who has harmed us has something bad happen to them; heck, we might even laugh hysterically when a friend of ours trips on the sidewalk. Of course I have never done any of those things. But from what I have heard, it happens.

Schadenfreude

The experience of pleasure, joy, or self-satisfaction that comes from learning of or witnessing the troubles, failures, or humiliation of another.

How to Show Mercy

1. Have compassion for the lost
2. Demonstrate mercy in speaking the Truth

Question

How does speaking the
Truth reflect mercy?

2 Timothy 2: 24-26 (NASB)

The Lord's bond-servant must not be quarrelsome, but be kind to all, able to teach, patient when wronged, with gentleness correcting those who are in opposition, if perhaps God may grant them repentance

2 Timothy 2: 24-26 (NASB)

leading to the knowledge of the truth, and they may come to their senses and escape from the snare of the devil, having been held captive by him to do his will.

Titus 1: 10-13(NASB)

For there are many rebellious men, empty talkers and deceivers, especially those of the circumcision, who must be silenced because they are upsetting whole families, teaching things they should not teach for the sake of sordid gain.

Titus 1: 10-13(NASB)

One of themselves, a prophet of their own, said, “Cretans are always liars, evil beasts, lazy gluttons.” This testimony is true. For this reason reprove them severely so that they may be sound in the faith

Jude 1: 17-23(NASB)

But you, beloved, ought to remember the words that were spoken beforehand by the apostles of our Lord Jesus Christ, that they were saying to you, “In the last time there will be mockers, following after their own ungodly lusts.”

Jude 1: 17-23(NASB)

These are the ones who cause divisions, worldly-minded, devoid of the Spirit.

But you, beloved, building yourselves up on your most holy faith, praying in the Holy Spirit, keep yourselves in the love of God,

Jude 1: 17-23(NASB)

waiting anxiously for the mercy of our Lord Jesus Christ to eternal life. And have mercy on some, who are doubting; save others, snatching them out of the fire; and on some have mercy with fear, hating even the garment polluted by the flesh.

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Prayer

Are you praying for the lost?

Are you praying for your neighbors? Are you praying for Christians who are caught up in sin?

Intercessory prayer is an act of mercy, for it releases God's blessing.

How to Show Mercy

1. Have compassion for the lost
2. Demonstrate mercy in speaking the Truth
3. Praying for others
4. Take action

Luke 10: 30-37 (NASB)

Jesus replied and said, “A man was going down from Jerusalem to Jericho, and fell among robbers, and they stripped him and beat him, and went away leaving him half dead. And by chance a priest was going down on that road, and when he saw him, he passed by on the other side.

Luke 10: 30-37 (NASB)

Likewise a Levite also, when he came to the place and saw him, passed by on the other side. But a Samaritan, who was on a journey, came upon him; and when he saw him, he felt compassion, and came to him and bandaged up his wounds, pouring oil and wine on them;

Luke 10: 30-37 (NASB)

and he put him on his own beast, and brought him to an inn and took care of him. On the next day he took out two denarii and gave them to the innkeeper and said, 'Take care of him; and whatever more you spend, when I return I will repay you.'

Luke 10: 30-37 (NASB)

Which of these three do you think proved to be a neighbor to the man who fell into the robbers' hands?"

And he said, "The one who showed mercy toward him."
Then Jesus said to him, "Go and do the same."

Question

Do you think it is
necessary that we show
mercy?

James 2: 13(NIV)

because judgment without mercy will be shown to anyone who has not been merciful. Mercy triumphs over judgment.

Matthew 18: 32-35 (NASB)

"Then summoning him, his lord said to him, 'You wicked slave, I forgave you all that debt because you pleaded with me. Should you not also have had mercy on your fellow slave, in the same way that I had mercy on you?'

Matthew 18: 32-35 (NASB)

"And his lord, moved with anger, handed him over to the torturers until he should repay all that was owed him. "My heavenly Father will also do the same to you, if each of you does not forgive his brother from your heart."

Mercy is a product of
our salvation but our
acts of mercy are not
what saves us.

Matthew 6: 2 (NASB)

“So when you give to the poor, do not sound a trumpet before you, as the hypocrites do in the synagogues and in the streets, so that they may be honored by men.

Next Week

Next week I have asked to combine our class with our students and their parents. We will be discussing a subject that is extremely important in our society today and needs to be discussed.

Next Week

Please pray about this next week asking for God to use our class to speak His truth in love.

Matthew 5: 8(NASB)

“Blessed are the pure in heart, for they shall see God.