

# **RADICAL LIVING**

## **The Beatitudes and us**

### **Lesson 5**

#### **Matthew 5:1-10**

There is a progression in the beatitudes that mirrors the progression we experience as we grow in grace and in the knowledge of our Lord and Savior. This progression is actually a building upon each of the prior beatitudes. The meekness we gained in the last lesson will help us to be merciful. And that is what we will be discussing in this lesson.

Matthew 5:7

Blessed are the merciful: for they shall obtain mercy.

The first four beatitudes addressed the attitude of those in the Kingdom of God. This fifth beatitude speaks of action.

#### **1. What is mercy?**

A. Mercy defined:

Mercy – Eleos - "kindness," "beneficence,"

Merciful – Eleemon - Compassionate

Mercy is “the moral quality of feeling compassion and especially of showing kindness toward someone in need.”

B. Mercy exemplified:

Matthew 15:22-28

C. Mercy is required of us:

Luke 6:36

#### **2. The applications of mercy**

A. Mercy is applied in forgiveness:

Luke 6:36-37

1. We forgive because we have been forgiven

Matthew 6:14-15

Matthew 18:21-22

2. A parable about forgiveness

Matthew 18:23-35

3. Do not be like the Pharisees.

John 8:2-11

B. Mercy is Applied in acts of compassion

Luke 10:30-35

Galatians 6:10

### **3 Obtaining Mercy**

The reward for the merciful is not mercy shown by others but by God.

Matthew 5:7

Matthew 6:12

The principle of reciprocity

Matthew 6:14-15

James 2:13

### **4 Mercy is a quality that must be displayed**

In no way do we imitate God more than in showing mercy. God delights in showing mercy.

Ephesians 5:1-2

Matthew 7:17-20

If I am not merciful to my fellow man, there can be only one explanation: **I do not understand the mercy of God!**