

God Is Merciful

Luke 6:27-36

Main Point:

Be merciful, just as your Father also is merciful.

1. God's mercy

2. God's mercy in the gospel

3. God's mercy in the Christian life

A.W. Pink “[Mercy is] the ready inclination of God to relieve the misery of fallen creatures.”

Titus 3:5 5 not by works of righteousness which we have done, but according to His mercy He saved us ... (NKJV)

Psalms 145:9 9 The LORD *is* good to all, And His tender mercies *are* over all His works. (NKJV)

1 Peter 1:3 3 Blessed *be* the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, who according to His abundant mercy has begotten us again to a living hope through the resurrection of Jesus Christ from the dead, (NKJV)

Francis Turretin “To be able to know God as merciful by a general mercy tending to some temporal good and the delay of punishment is far different from being able to know him as merciful by a mercy special and saving in Christ ...”

George Swinnock “Not only does He pity us in our misery, He relieves us. God's mercy has a hand to supply as well as a heart to pity.”

Romans 9:15 15 For He says to Moses, “I will have mercy on whomever I will have mercy, and I will have compassion on whomever I will have compassion.” (NKJV)

Psalms 103:11 11 For as the heavens are high above the earth, So great is His mercy toward those who fear Him; (NKJV)

Micah 7:18 18 Who *is* a God like You, Pardoning iniquity And passing over the transgression of the remnant of His heritage? He does not retain His anger forever, Because He delights *in* mercy. (NKJV)

George Swinnock “Mercy is God's joy and pleasure, His glory and honor.”

Luke 18:13 13 And the tax collector, standing afar off, would not so much as raise *his* eyes to heaven, but beat his breast, saying, “God, be merciful to me a sinner!” (NKJV)

Hebrews 2:17 17 Therefore, in all things He had to be made like *His* brethren, that He might be a merciful and faithful High Priest in things *pertaining* to God, to make propitiation for the sins of the people. (NKJV)

John Owen “[Christ] had particular experience ... of the weakness, sorrows, and miseries of human nature under the assaults of temptations; he tried it, felt it, and will never forget it.”

Psalms 136:1 1 Oh, give thanks to the LORD, for *He is* good! For His mercy *endures* forever. (NKJV)

Matthew 5:7 7 Blessed *are* the merciful, For they shall obtain mercy. (NKJV)

Mark Jones “The Christian who has received mercy seeks to show it.”

Thomas Brooks “It is free mercy that every day keeps hell and my soul asunder; it is mercy that daily pardons my sins; it is mercy that supplies all my inward and outward wants; it is mercy that preserves, and feeds, and clothes my outward man; and it is mercy that renews, strengthens, and prospers my inward man.”