

Beatitudes: The Merciful
Matthew 5:7

1. DECLARATION: "blessed are" (v.7a)

A. Liberation: "blessed"

1. Defined: Spiritually Prosperous
2. Described Spiritually Favored

B. Lifestyle: "are"

1. Present: A Way of Life
2. Personal: The Way to God

II. DECISION: "the merciful" (v.7b)

A. Specific: "the"

1. Definite Article - "the ones" showing mercy
2. Discernable Actions - consistently observable

B. Sympathetic: "merciful "

1. Internally - compassionate attitude
2. Externally - helping, rescuing, forgiving

III. DELIGHT: "for they shall receive mercy" (v.7c)

A. Future: "for they shall"

B. Forgiveness: "receive mercy"

1. Fellow Slave: Matthew 18:21-35
2. Good Samaritan: Luke 10:30-37