



“MERCIFUL FATHER, MERCIFUL CHILDREN: SHOWERS OF MERCY WILL RECEIVE SHOWERS OF MERCY”

MATTHEW 5:7 BIBLE STUDY SLIDES

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CONTEXT



1 Then, having seen the crowds, He went up to the mountain. And when He sat down, His disciples came to Him. 2 And, He opened His mouth and began to teach them, saying:

3 Blessed are the poor in spirit

because the Kingdom of Heaven is theirs.

(Mt 5:1-3, AT)





CONTEXT



The poor in spirit are blessed
because the Kingdom of Heaven is theirs.
(Mt 5:3, AT II)



CONTEXT



Blessed are those who mourn
because they will be comforted [by God]
(Mt 5:4, AT)



CONTEXT



Blessed are the meek

because they will inherit the earth.

(Mt 5:5, AT)





CONTEXT



Blessed are those who hunger and thirst for righteousness
because they will be filled [by God].

(Mt 5:6, AT)





MATTHEW 5:7 MERCIFUL BLISS



Blessed [μακάριος | *makarios*] are the merciful [ἐλεήμων | *eleēmōn*]
because they will be shown mercy [ἐλεέω | *eleeō*] [by God]
(Mt 5:7, AT I)

The merciful are blessed
because they will be shown mercy [by God]
(Mt 5:7, AT II)





MATTHEW 5:7 MERCIFUL BLISS



He who despises his neighbor sins,
But **happy** [LXX: μακαριστός | *makaristos*] is he who **is gracious**
[LXX: ἐλεέω | *eleeō*] to the poor.

(Pr 14:21, NASB)

One who dishonors poor people sins,
but one who **shows mercy** [ἐλεέω | *eleeō*] toward the needy is **most
blessed** [μακαριστός | *makaristos*].

(LXX Pr 14:21, LES; also see LXX Pr 17:5)





MATTHEW 5:7
LOVING, KIND
MERCY-FULL GOD



4 You shall not make for yourself a [carved] idol in the form of anything that is from the heavens above, or that is from the earth below, or that is from the waters below the earth. 5 You shall not bow down to them nor worship them. For I the LORD [YHWH] your God am a jealous God, punishing the sin of parents on their children, and on the third and fourth generations of those who hate me, 6 but showing **unfailing love** [חֶסֶד | *hesed*, LXX: ἔλεος | *eleos*] to a **thousand generations of those who love me and keep my commandments.** (Ex 20:4-6, AT)



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LOVING, KIND
MERCY-FULL GOD



4 So Moses cut two tablets of stone like the first. And he rose early in the morning and went up on **Mount Sinai**, as the LORD [YHWH] had commanded him, and took in his hand two tablets of stone. 5 The LORD [YHWH] descended in the cloud and stood with him there, and proclaimed the name of the LORD [YHWH]. (Ex 34:4-5, ESV)





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LOVING, KIND
MERCY-FULL GOD



6 The LORD [YHWH] passed before him and proclaimed, “The LORD [YHWH], the LORD [YHWH], a God merciful and **gracious** [LXX: ἐλεήμων | *eleēmōn*], slow to anger, and abounding in **steadfast love** and faithfulness, 7 keeping **steadfast love** [חֶסֶד | *hesed*, LXX: ἔλεος | *eleos*] **for thousands, forgiving iniquity and transgression and sin**, but who will by no means clear the guilty, visiting the iniquity of the fathers on the children and the children’s children, to the third and the fourth generation.” (Ex 34:6-7, ESV)



MATTHEW 5:7
LOVING, KIND,
MERCY-FULL GOD



For Yahweh [YHWH] is good, and His **love** [חֶסֶד | *hesed*, LXX: ἔλεος | *eleos*] is **eternal**;

His faithfulness endures through **all generations**.

(Ps 100:5, HCSB)

For the LORD [YHWH] is good;

his **steadfast love** [חֶסֶד | *hesed*, LXX: ἔλεος | *eleos*] **endures forever**,
and his faithfulness to **all generations**.

(Ps 100:5, ESV)





MATTHEW 5:7 LOVING, KIND, MERCY-FULL GOD



O give thanks to the LORD [YHWH], for he is good;
his **steadfast love** [תְּדָרָה | *hesed*, LXX: ἔλεος | *eleos*] endures **forever!**
(Ps 118:1, NRSV)

Give thanks to the LORD [YHWH], for He is good;
For His **lovingkindness** [תְּדָרָה | *hesed*, LXX: ἔλεος | *eleos*] is **everlasting.**
(Ps 118:1, NASB)

O give thanks unto the LORD [YHWH]; for he is good:
Because his **mercy** [תְּדָרָה | *hesed*, LXX: ἔλεος | *eleos*] **endureth for ever.**
(Ps 118:1, KJV)





MATTHEW 5:7
RECIPROCITY



The **merciful** [חַסֵּד | *hesed*, LXX: ἐλεήμων | *eleēmōn*] man does himself **good**,

But the **cruel** man does himself **harm**.

(Pr 11:17, NASB)

A **merciful** [ἐλεήμων | *eleēmōn*] man does **good** to his own soul: but the **merciless** [ἀνελεήμων | *aneleēmōn*] **destroys** his own body. (LXX Pr 11:17, NETS)





MATTHEW 5:7
RECIPROCITY



Whoever shuts their ears to the cry of the poor
will **also** cry out and not be answered.

(Pr 21:13, NIV)





MATTHEW 5:7 RECIPROCITY

25 With the **merciful** [חַסְדִּים | *hesed*] you show yourself **merciful** [חַסְדִּים | *hesed*];
with the blameless man you show yourself blameless;
26 with the purified you show yourself pure;
and with the **crooked** you **make yourself seem tortuous**.

(Ps 18:25-26, ESV)





MATTHEW 5:7
RECIPROCITY



For by the judgment with which you judge, you will be judged [by God]. And by the measure with which you measure, it will be measured to you [by God]. (Mt 7:2, AT)





MATTHEW 5:7
RECIPROCITY



**Show no pity: life for life, eye for eye,
tooth for tooth, hand for hand, foot
for foot. (Dt 19:21, NIV)**



MATTHEW 5:7
RECIPROCITY



In everything, therefore, whatsoever you wish that people would do to you, so also you do to them – for this is the Law and the Prophets. (Mt 7:12, AT)





MATTHEW 5:7
THE PARABLE OF THE
UNMERCIFUL SERVANT



21 Then Peter came up and said to him, “Lord, how often will my brother sin against me, and I forgive him? As many as seven times?” 22 Jesus said to him, “I do not say to you seven times, but seventy-seven times. (Mt 18:21-22, ESV)





MATTHEW 5:7
THE PARABLE OF THE
UNMERCIFUL SERVANT



23 “Therefore the **kingdom of heaven** may be compared to a **king** who wished to settle accounts with his servants. 24 When he began to settle, one was brought to him who owed him **ten thousand talents**. 25 And since he could not pay, his master ordered him **to be sold**, with **his wife and children and all that he had**, and payment to be made. (Mt 18:23-25, ESV)





MATTHEW 5:7
THE PARABLE OF THE
UNMERCIFUL SERVANT



26 So the servant fell on his knees, imploring him, ‘Have patience with me, and I will pay you everything.’ 27 And **out of pity for him**, the master of that servant released him and **forgave him the debt.** (Mt 18:26-27, ESV)



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THE PARABLE OF THE
UNMERCIFUL SERVANT



28 But when that **same** servant went out, he found one of his fellow servants who owed him a **hundred denarii**, and seizing him, he began to choke him, saying, ‘Pay what you owe.’ 29 So his fellow servant fell down and pleaded with him, ‘Have patience with me, and I will pay you.’ 30 He **refused** and went and **put him in prison until he should pay the debt.**

(Mt 18:28-30, ESV)





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UNMERCIFUL SERVANT



31 When his fellow servants saw what had taken place, they were greatly distressed, and they went and reported to their master all that had taken place. 32 Then his master summoned him and said to him, ‘You wicked servant! I **forgave you all that debt** because you pleaded with me. 33 And **should not you have had mercy on your fellow servant, as I had mercy on you?**
(Mt 18:31-33, ESV)





MATTHEW 5:7
THE PARABLE OF THE
UNMERCIFUL SERVANT



34 And his master got angry and handed him over to the jailers to be **tortured** until he could pay everything that was owed. 35 **So My heavenly Father will also do to you if each of you does not forgive his brother from his heart.**” (Mt 18:34-35, HCSB)





MATTHEW 5:7
RECIPROCITY



**And forgive us our debts [of sin],
as we also have forgiven our debtors [of sin]**
(Mt 6:12, AT)





MATTHEW 5:7
RECIPROCITY



14 For if you forgive people for their transgressions, your Heavenly Father will also forgive you. 15 But if you do not forgive people, neither will your Father forgive your transgressions. (Mt 6:14-15, AT)





MATTHEW 5:7 MERCY ON THE DAY OF JUDGMENT



18 Who is a God like you,
who pardons sin and forgives the transgression
of the remnant of his inheritance?

You do not stay angry forever

but **delight to show mercy** [חֶסֶד | *hesed*, LXX: ἔλεος | *eleos*].

19 You will again have compassion on us;
you will tread our sins underfoot
and hurl all our iniquities into the depths of the sea.

(Mic 7:18-19, NIV)



MATTHEW 5:7
JESUS:
BE MERCIFUL!



Go and learn what this means: ‘I desire **mercy** [ἔλεος | *eleos*], and not sacrifice.’
For I came not to call the righteous, but sinners.’ (Mt 9:13, ESV)





MATTHEW 5:7
JESUS:
BE MERCIFUL!



For I desire **mercy** [חַסֵּד | *hesed*, LXX: ἔλεος | *eleos*], not sacrifice,
and acknowledgment of God rather than burnt offerings.

(Hos 6:6, NIV)





MATTHEW 5:7
JESUS:
BE MERCIFUL!



3 He answered, “Haven’t you read what David did when he and his companions were hungry? 4 He entered the house of God, and **he and his companions ate the consecrated bread**—which was not lawful for them to do, but only for the priests. 5 Or haven’t you read in the Law that the priests on Sabbath duty in the temple desecrate the Sabbath and yet are innocent? 6 I tell you that **something greater than the temple** is here. (Mt 12:3-6, NIV)





MATTHEW 5:7
JESUS:
BE MERCIFUL!



7 If you had known what these words mean, ‘I desire **mercy** [ἔλεος | *eleos*], not sacrifice,’ you would not have condemned the innocent. 8 For the Son of Man is Lord of the Sabbath.” (Mt 12:7-8, NIV)





MATTHEW 5:7
JESUS:
BE MERCIFUL!



23 “Woe to you, teachers of the law and Pharisees, you hypocrites! You give a tenth of your spices—mint, dill and cumin. But you have neglected the **more important matters of the law**—justice, **mercy** [ἔλεος | *eleos*] and faithfulness. You should have practiced the latter, without neglecting the former. (Mt 23:23, NIV)





MATTHEW 5:7
THE PROPHETS:
BE MERCIFUL!



8 And the word of the LORD [YHWH] came again to Zechariah:
9 “This is what the LORD [YHWH] Almighty said: ‘Administer true justice; **show mercy** [חֶסֶד | *hesed*, LXX: ἔλεος | *eleos*] and compassion to one another. 10 Do not oppress the widow or the fatherless, the foreigner or the poor. Do not plot evil against each other.’ (Zec 7:8-10, NIV)



MATTHEW 5:7
THE PROPHETS:
BE MERCIFUL!



He has shown you, O mortal, what is good.

And what does the LORD [YHWH] require of you?

To act justly and to love **mercy** [מֶרֶץ | *hesed*, LXX: ἔλεος | *eleos*]
and to walk humbly with your God.

(Mic 6:8, NIV)



MATTHEW 5:7
WWJD?
BE MERCIFUL!



As Jesus went on from there, two blind men followed him, calling out, “**Have mercy** [ἐλεέω | *eleeō*] **on us**, Son of David!” (Mt 9:27, NIV)

A Canaanite woman from that vicinity came to him, crying out, “Lord, Son of David, **have mercy** [ἐλεέω | *eleeō*] **on me!** My daughter is demon-possessed and suffering terribly.” (Mt 15:22, NIV)





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WWJD?
BE MERCIFUL!



14 When they came to the crowd, a man approached Jesus and knelt before him. 15 “Lord, **have mercy** [ἐλεέω | *eleeō*] **on my son,**” he said. “He has seizures and is suffering greatly. He often falls into the fire or into the water. (Mt 17:14-15, NIV)

Two blind men were sitting by the roadside, and when they heard that Jesus was going by, they shouted, “Lord, Son of David, **have mercy** [ἐλεέω | *eleeō*] **on us!**” (Mt 20:30, NIV)





MATTHEW 5:7
WWJD?
BE MERCIFUL!



Jesus said, “**Father, forgive them**, for they do not know what they are doing.” And they divided up his clothes by casting lots.
(Lk 23:34, NIV)





MATTHEW 5:7
BE MERCIFUL LIKE
YOUR HEAVENLY FATHER



43 "You have heard that it was said, 'You shall love you neighbor and hate your enemy'. 44 But I say to you: love your enemies and pray for those who persecute you, 45 so that you may be **children of your Father in heaven**. For He causes His sun to rise on the evil and the good, and He sends rain on the righteous and the unrighteous. (Mt 5:43-45, AT)





MATTHEW 5:7
BE MERCIFUL LIKE
YOUR HEAVENLY FATHER



35 But love your enemies, do good to them, and lend to them without expecting to get anything back. Then your reward will be great, and **you will be children of the Most High**, because **he is kind to the ungrateful and wicked**. 36 **Be merciful, just as your Father is merciful.**
(Lk 6:35-36, NIV)

