

SERMON
ON THE
MOUNT

Matthew 5-7

IT BEGINS...

- ▶ **Blessed** – *makarios* *to be approved, find approval*
- ▶ *What God thinks of you, not how you feel!*

Poor in Spirit	Merciful
Mourners	Pure in Heart
Meek	Peacemakers
Hungering	Persecuted

TRAIL OF THE KINGDOM

- ▶ **Jesus has a plan for His followers..**
 - ▶ **He calls and develops us**
 - ▶ **And blesses as we learn**
 - ▶ **Character of the Kingdom**
 - ▶ **Each time, we are pulled forward**

MERCIFUL

- ▶ **The great re-bound!**
- ▶ **What you give is what you get!**
- ▶ **This is a principle in many places...**
- ▶ **Connected to Right-ness hunger and tempered by gentle hearts...**
- ▶ **What is mercy?**

SHOWING MERCY

- ▶ *eleos* – compassion
 - ▶ seeing suffering, misery, distress
 - ▶ These are the results of sin
 - ▶ Cures, heals, helps
 - ▶ No limit or exclusion as to who!

WHERE DO WE SEE THIS?

- ▶ **Good Samaritan – Lk 10**
 - ▶ **Giving water... Mt 10:42**
- ▶ **Ministry of Jesus... hurting**
 - ▶ **With cheerfulness – Rom 12:8**
 - ▶ **When we have been hurt...**

MERCY RECEIVED

- ▶ Parable of the 10,000 talents... Mt 18:21
 - ▶ Active in forgiveness
 - ▶ Wisdom road James 3:17,18
 - ▶ More you give, more you “get it”
- ▶ Leads to the next thought...

PURE HEART

- ▶ A major teaching, the heart
 - ▶ Single – nothing added but God
 - ▶ “Honesty that has no hidden motive, no selfish interest, and is true and open in all things.”
 - ▶ Same heart as God...

SOME THOUGHTS:

- ▶ Ps 24:3,4; 1Ti 1:5; 2Ti 2:22; 1Pt 1:22
 - ▶ Single heart... single eye 6:22
- ▶ See God... Heb 12:14; 1Co 13:12
 - ▶ In love, truth and glory
 - ▶ Who “saw God”???

SOME THOUGHTS:

- ▶ Adam & Eve; Job
- ▶ Abraham, Jacob
- ▶ Moses
- ▶ Manoah (Samson)
- ▶ Elijah, Isaiah, Ezekiel,

