

Title: The Promise of Mercy
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Matthew 5:7

⁷ Blessed are the merciful, for they shall obtain mercy.

a: The triumph of grace

James 2:13 NASB

¹³ For judgment will be merciless to one who has shown no mercy; mercy triumphs over judgment.

- Choose to receive by asking

Hebrews 4:16 NIV

¹⁶ Let us then approach the throne of grace with confidence, so that we may receive mercy and find grace to help us in our time of need.

- Embrace the 'bleeding' heart

Isaiah 63:9

⁹ In all their affliction He was afflicted, And the Angel of His Presence saved them; In His love and in His pity He redeemed them; And He bore them and carried them All the days of old.

- Receive a heart transplant

Jeremiah 32:38-40

³⁸ They shall be My people, and I will be their God; ³⁹ then I will give them one heart and one way, that they may fear Me forever, for the good of them and their children after them. ⁴⁰ And I will make an everlasting covenant with them, that I will not turn away from doing them good; but I will put My fear in their hearts so that they will not depart from Me.

Ezekiel 36:26-27

²⁶ I will give you a new heart and put a new spirit within you; I will take the heart of stone out of your flesh and give you a heart of flesh. ²⁷ I will put My Spirit within you and cause you to walk in My statutes, and you will keep My judgments and do them.

- Let your feelings show

Colossians 3:12-13

¹² Therefore, as the elect of God, holy and beloved, put on tender mercies, kindness, humility, meekness, longsuffering; ¹³ bearing with one another, and forgiving one another, if anyone has a complaint against another; even as Christ forgave you, so you also must do.

b: The new 'spiritual' (the 'chosen fast') life

- Mercy – the new infatuation

Micah 6:6-8

⁶ With what shall I come before the LORD, And bow myself before the High God? Shall I come before Him with burnt offerings, With calves a year old? ⁷ Will the LORD be pleased with thousands of rams, ten thousand rivers of oil? Shall I give my firstborn for my transgression, the fruit of my body for the sin of my soul? ⁸ He has shown you, O man, what is good; And what does the LORD require of you but to do justly, to love mercy, and to walk humbly with your God?

- The breaking heart – the burden of compassion

Matthew 9:36

³⁶ But when He saw the multitudes, He was moved with compassion for them, because they were weary and scattered, like sheep having no shepherd.

- Authority for multitudes and generations

Isaiah 58:6-12

⁶ Is this not the fast that I have chosen: to loose the bonds of wickedness, to undo the heavy burdens, to let the oppressed go free, and that you break every yoke? ⁷ Is it not to share your bread with the hungry, and that you bring to your house the poor who are cast out; When you see the naked, that you cover him, and not hide yourself from your own flesh? ⁸ Then your light shall break forth like the morning, your healing shall spring forth speedily, and your righteousness shall go before you; the glory of the LORD shall be your rear guard. ⁹ Then you shall call, and the LORD will answer; you shall cry, and He will say, 'Here I am.' If you take away the yoke from your midst, the pointing of the finger, and speaking wickedness, ¹⁰ If you extend your soul to the hungry and satisfy the afflicted soul, then your light shall dawn in the darkness, and your darkness shall be as the noonday. ¹¹ The LORD will guide you continually, and satisfy your soul in drought, and strengthen your bones; you shall be like a watered garden, and like a spring of water, whose waters do not fail. ¹² Those from among you shall build the old waste places; you shall raise up the foundations of many generations; and you shall be called the Repairer of the Breach, the Restorer of Streets to Dwell In.

c: Fixing your own borders

Luke 6:35-38

³⁵ But love your enemies, do good, and lend, hoping for nothing in return; and your reward will be great, and you will be sons of the Most High. For He is kind to the unthankful and evil. ³⁶ Therefore be merciful, just as your Father also is merciful. ³⁷ Judge not, and you shall not be judged. Condemn not, and you shall not be condemned. Forgive, and you will be forgiven. ³⁸ Give, and it will be given to you: good measure, pressed down, shaken together, and running over will be put into your bosom. For with the same measure that you use, it will be measured back to you.

- with God
- and people

d: Operating out of the blue

- God's personal credit line

Proverbs 19:17

¹⁷ He who has pity on the poor lends to the LORD, and He will pay back what he has given.

- Borrower to lender, tenant to owner

Psalms 37:21-26

²¹ The wicked borrows and does not repay, but the righteous shows mercy and gives. ²² For those blessed by Him shall inherit the earth, but those cursed by Him shall be cut off. ²³ The steps of a good man are ordered by the LORD, and He delights in his way. ²⁴ Though he fall, he shall not be utterly cast down; For the LORD upholds him with His hand. ²⁵ I have been young, and now am old; Yet I have not seen the righteous forsaken, nor his descendants begging bread. ²⁶ He is ever merciful, and lends; And his descendants are blessed.