

**Sermon Series**  
**Just a Closer Walk with Thee**

**Blessed are the Merciful**  
**Matthew 5:7**



# Mercy Triumphs Over Judgement

- **James 2:13** - For judgment is without mercy to one who has shown no mercy. Mercy triumphs over judgment.

# Parable of the Unmerciful Servant

- **Matthew 18:21-22** - 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?”<sup>22</sup> Jesus said to him, “I do not say to you seven times, but seventy-seven times.
- **Biblical Definition of Mercy** - compassion, in the sense of a willingness to forgive an offender or adversary and, more generally, simply by a disposition to spare or help another. This disposition, although inwardly felt, manifests itself outwardly in some kind of action.

# Forgiveness, Mercy, and Self-Control

- **Matthew 6:14-15** - For if you forgive others their trespasses, your heavenly Father will also forgive you, <sup>15</sup> but if you do not forgive others their trespasses, neither will your Father forgive your trespasses.
- **Ephesians 4:26-27** - Be angry and do not sin; do not let the sun go down on your anger, <sup>27</sup> and give no opportunity to the devil.

# The Mercy of the King

- **Matthew 18:23-27** - “Therefore the kingdom of heaven may be compared to a king who wished to settle accounts with his servants. <sup>24</sup> When he began to settle, one was brought to him who owed him ten thousand talents. <sup>25</sup> 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. <sup>26</sup> So the servant fell on his knees, imploring him, ‘Have patience with me, and I will pay you everything.’ <sup>27</sup> And out of pity for him, the master of that servant released him and forgave him the debt.

# Understanding Kingship

- **John 18:37** - Then Pilate said to him, “So you are a king?” Jesus answered, “You say that I am a king. For this purpose I was born and for this purpose I have come into the world—to bear witness to the truth. Everyone who is of the truth listens to my voice.”
- **1 Timothy 6:15** - which he will display at the proper time—he who is the blessed and only Sovereign, the King of kings and Lord of lords,
- **Revelation 19:15-16** - From his mouth comes a sharp sword with which to strike down the nations, and he will rule them with a rod of iron. He will tread the winepress of the fury of the wrath of God the Almighty. On his robe and on his thigh he has a name written, King of kings and Lord of lords.

# Paul – The Mercy of Jesus

- **1 Timothy 1:15-16** - The saying is trustworthy and deserving of full acceptance, that **Christ Jesus came into the world to save sinners, of whom I am the foremost.** <sup>16</sup> But I received mercy for this reason, that in me, as the foremost **Jesus Christ might display his perfect patience as an example to those who were to believe in him for eternal life.**

# The Unmerciful Servant

- **Matthew 18:28-30** - 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.' <sup>29</sup> So his fellow servant fell down and pleaded with him, 'Have patience with me, and I will pay you.' <sup>30</sup> He refused and went and put him in prison until he should pay the debt. <sup>31</sup> 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.



# The King's Judgement

- **Matthew 18:32-34** - Then his master summoned him and said to him, 'You wicked servant! I forgave you all that debt because you pleaded with me. <sup>33</sup> And should not you have had mercy on your fellow servant, as I had mercy on you?' <sup>34</sup> And in anger his master delivered him to the jailers, until he should pay all his debt. <sup>35</sup> **So also my heavenly Father will do to every one of you, if you do not forgive your brother from your heart."**