

# Treasure Hunt

- What should our attitude be toward earned righteousness (the “righteousness of the law”)?
- For which kind of righteousness did David and Isaiah “hunger and thirst”?
- What is the solution to the lack of righteous judgment in our world today?
- How can we exercise “loyal love” toward God?
- What is the difference between mercy and grace?
- What kind of “mercy” is the Lord talking about in Matt 5:7?

# The Structure of the Sermon

Setting	4:25-5:2	7:28-8:1
Blessings & Warnings	5:3-12	7:13-27
Our Mission	5:13-16	
Law & Prophets	5:17-19	7:12b
Toward Man	5:20-48	7:1-12a
Toward God	6:1-18	6:19-34

Blessed are

- The poor in spirit
- They that mourn
- The meek
- **They which do hunger and thirst after righteousness**
- **The merciful**
- The pure in heart
- The peacemakers
- They which are persecuted for righteousness' sake

# Three Kinds of Righteousness

<p>Earned, “of the law” “by works”</p>	<p>Rom 6:16 Know ye not, that to whom ye yield yourselves servants to obey, his servants ye are to whom ye obey; whether of sin unto death, or of obedience unto <b>righteousness</b>?</p>	<p>What we <b>do</b></p>
<p>Imputed “by faith”</p>	<p>Rom 3:21 But now the <b>righteousness</b> of God without the law is manifested, being witnessed by the law and the prophets; 22 Even the <b>righteousness</b> of God <i>which is</i> by faith of Jesus Christ unto all and upon all them that believe:</p>	<p>What God <b>gives to us</b></p>
<p>Vindictive, Judgmental</p>	<p>Isa 51:4 Hearken unto me, my people; and give ear unto me, O my nation: for a law shall proceed from me, and I will make my judgment to rest for a light of the people. 5 <b>My righteousness</b> is near; my salvation is gone forth, and mine arms shall judge the people; the isles shall wait upon me, and on mine arm shall they trust.</p>	<p>What God <b>does to unbelievers</b></p>

# Desiring Earned Righteousness

Rom 7:22 For **I delight in the law of God after the inward man:**  
23 But I see another law in my members, warring against the law of my mind, and bringing me into captivity to the law of sin which is in my members. 24 O wretched man that I am! who shall deliver me from the body of this death? 25 I thank God through Jesus Christ our Lord. So then **with the mind I myself serve the law of God;** but with the flesh the law of sin.

Eze 36:27 And I will put my spirit within you, and **cause you to walk in my statutes,** and ye shall keep my judgments, and do them.

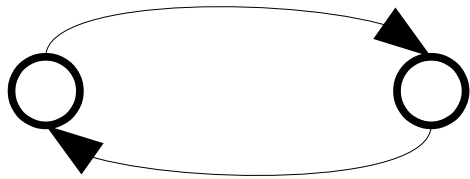
# Hungering and Thirsting for Righteousness

Psalms 42-43	Isaiah 54-55
	<p>Isa 54:17 No weapon that is formed against thee shall prosper; and <b>every tongue that shall rise</b> against thee in judgment thou shalt condemn. This is the heritage of the servants of the LORD, and <b>their righteousness is of me</b>, saith the LORD.</p>
<p>Psa 42:1 As the hart panteth after the water brooks, so panteth my soul after thee, O God. 2 My soul <b>thirsteth</b> for God, for the living God: when shall I come and appear before God?</p>	<p>Isa 55:1 Ho, every one that <b>thirsteth</b>, come ye to the waters, and he that hath no money; come ye, buy, and <b>eat</b>; yea, come, buy wine and milk without money and without price. 2 Wherefore do ye spend money for <i>that which</i> is not bread? and your labour for <i>that which</i> satisfieth not? hearken diligently unto me, and eat ye <i>that which</i> is good, and let your soul delight itself in fatness.</p>
<p>Psa 43:1 <b>Judge me</b>, O God, and <b>plead my cause</b> against an ungodly nation: O <b>deliver me</b> from the deceitful and unjust man.</p>	

# How about Luke's version?

Matthew	5:3 Blessed are the <b>poor in spirit</b> : for theirs is the kingdom of heaven.	Mat 5:6 Blessed are they which do <b>hunger and thirst after righteousness</b> : for they shall be filled.
Luke	6:20 Blessed be ye <b>poor</b> : for yours is the kingdom of God.	6:21 Blessed are ye that <b>hunger</b> now: for ye shall be filled.
Unification	James 2:5 Hath not God chosen the <b>poor of this world rich in faith</b> , and heirs of the kingdom which he hath promised to them that love him?	Matt 6:31 Therefore take no thought, saying, <b>What shall we eat? or, What shall we drink?</b> or, Wherewithal shall we be clothed? 32 (For after all these things do the Gentiles seek:) for your heavenly Father knoweth that ye have need of all these things. 33 But <b>seek ye first the kingdom of God, and his righteousness</b> ; and <b>all these things</b> shall be added unto you.

# Three Kinds of Mercy



**Symmetrical** חסיד, חסד

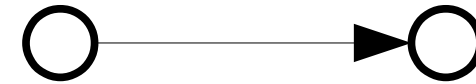
Psa 50:5 Gather my **saints** together unto me; **those that have made a covenant** with me by sacrifice.

Psa 79:2 The dead bodies of **thy servants** have they given *to be* meat unto the fowls of the heaven, the flesh of thy **saints** unto the beasts of the earth.

Psa 85:8 I will hear what God the LORD will speak: for he will speak peace unto **his people**, and to his **saints**: but let them not turn again to folly.

Psa 86:2 Preserve my soul; for I *am* **holy**: O thou my God, save **thy servant** that trusteth in thee.

Psa 148:14 He also exalteth the horn of **his people**, the praise of all his **saints**; *even* of the children of Israel, a people near unto him.



**Asymmetrical** חן, חנן

Gen 29:15 And Laban said unto Jacob, Because thou art my brother, shouldest thou therefore serve me **for nought** חנם? tell me, what shall thy wages be?

To the miserable: **ελεεω** “**have mercy**”

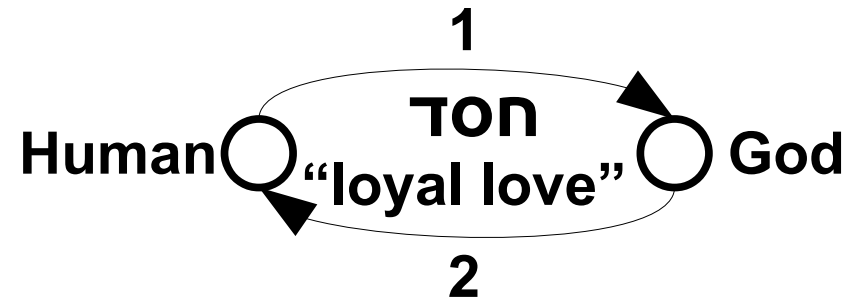
Mat 9:27 And when Jesus departed thence, two blind men followed him, crying, and saying, Thou Son of David, have mercy on us.

To the undeserving: **χαρις** “**grace**”

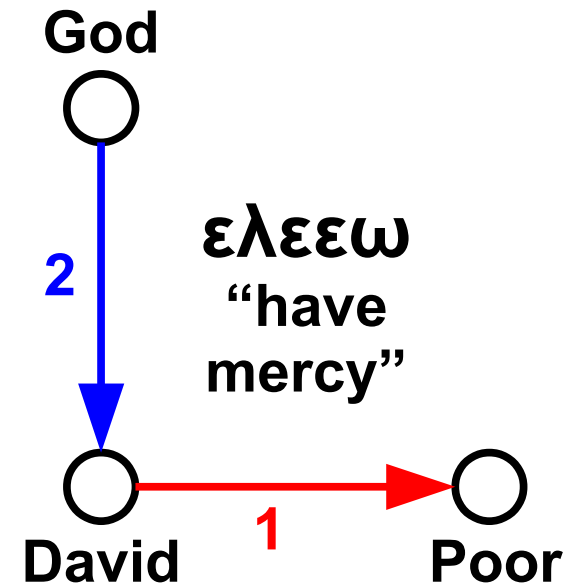
1Pe 2:18 Servants, *be* subject to *your* masters with all fear; not only to the good and gentle, but also to the froward. 19 For this *is* **thankworthy**, if a man for conscience toward God endure grief, suffering wrongfully. 20 For what glory *is it*, if, when ye be buffeted for your faults, ye shall take it patiently? but if, when ye do well, and suffer *for it*, ye take it patiently, this *is* **acceptable** with God.

# What kind of Mercy in 5:7?

Psa 18:25 With the merciful חסיד  
 thou wilt shew thyself merciful חסיד



Psa 41:1 Blessed אשרי μακαριος *is*  
 he that **considereth the poor: the**  
**LORD will deliver him in time of**  
**trouble.** 2 The LORD will preserve  
 him, and keep him alive; *and* he shall  
 be blessed upon the earth: and thou  
 wilt not deliver him unto the will of his  
 enemies. 3 The LORD will  
 strengthen him upon the bed of  
 languishing: thou wilt make all his bed  
 in his sickness. 4 I said, LORD, **be**  
**merciful ελεεω unto me:** heal my  
 soul; for I have sinned against thee.





# Who has Mercy First?

Our Lord:

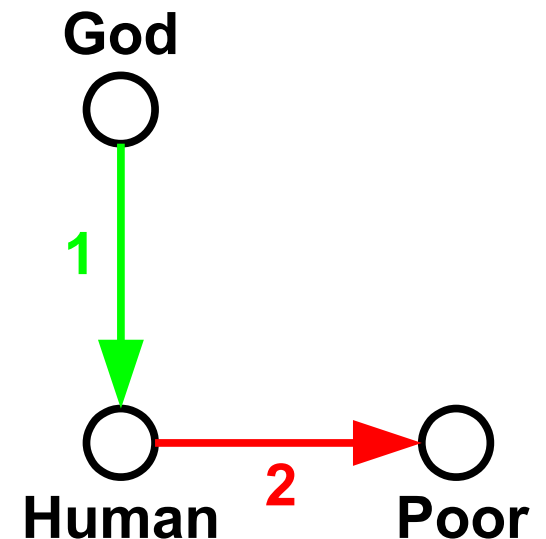
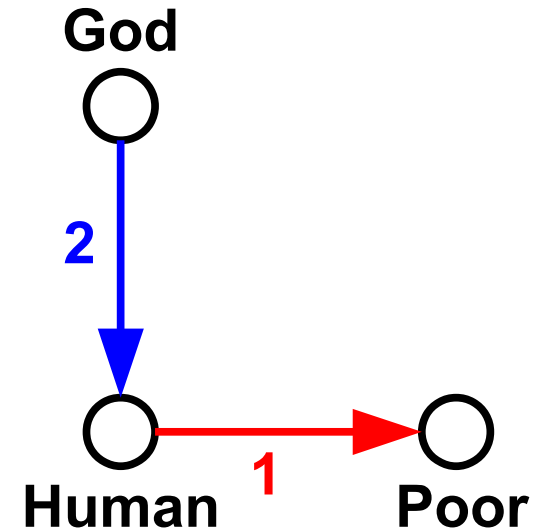
Mat 5:7 Blessed *are* the **merciful**: for they shall **obtain mercy**.

Mat 25:34 Then shall the King say unto them on his right hand, **Come**, ye blessed of my Father, **inherit the kingdom** prepared for you from the foundation of the world: 35 **For** I was an hungred, and **ye gave me meat**: I was thirsty, and **ye gave me drink**: I was a stranger, and **ye took me in**: 36 Naked, and **ye clothed me**: I was sick, and **ye visited me**: I was in prison, and **ye came unto me**.

Paul:

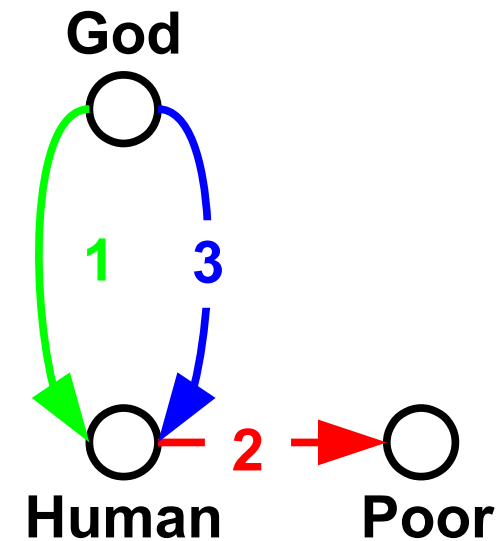
Eph 4:32 And be ye kind one to another, tenderhearted, **forgiving one another**, even as **God** for Christ's sake **hath forgiven you**.

Col 3:13 Forbearing one another, and forgiving one another, if any man have a quarrel against any: even **as Christ forgave you**, **so also do ye**.



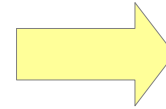
# The Whole Picture

Mat 18:23 Therefore is the kingdom of heaven likened unto a certain king, which would take account of his servants. 24 And when he had begun to reckon, one was brought unto him, which owed him ten thousand talents. 25 But forasmuch as he had not to pay, his lord commanded him to be sold, and his wife, and children, and all that he had, and payment to be made. 26 The servant therefore fell down, and worshipped him, saying, Lord, have patience with me, and I will pay thee all. 27 **Then the lord of that servant was moved with compassion, and loosed him, and forgave him the debt.** 28 But the same servant went out, and found one of his fellowservants, which owed him an hundred pence: and he laid hands on him, and took *him* by the throat, saying, Pay me that thou owest. 29 And his fellowservant fell down at his feet, and besought him, saying, Have patience with me, and I will pay thee all. 30 And **he would not: but went and cast him into prison**, till he should pay the debt. 31 So when his fellowservants saw what was done, they were very sorry, and came and told unto their lord all that was done. 32 Then his lord, after that he had called him, said unto him, O thou wicked servant, I forgave thee all that debt, because thou desiredst me: 33 Shouldest not thou also have **had compassion [had mercy ελεεω] on thy fellowservant**, even as **I had pity [had mercy ελεεω] on thee**? 34 And his lord was wroth, and **delivered him to the tormentors**, till he should pay all that was due unto him. 35 So **likewise shall my heavenly Father do also unto you, if ye from your hearts forgive not every one his brother their trespasses.**



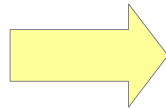
# Putting it All Together

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