

Treasure Hunt

What kind of “mercy” is the Lord talking about in Matt 5:7? (Reciprocal, or one-way?)

- Who has mercy first according to Matt 5:7? according to Ephesians and Colossians?
- What parable by the Lord shows how these are related?
- How does the Lord show mercy to Israel in Isaiah and later books?
- What Old Testament verse does the Lord have in mind in his promise to the “pure in heart”?
- How can we keep our hearts pure?
- When and where will we see God?

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

3 The poor in spirit

4 They that mourn

5 The meek

6 They which do hunger and thirst after righteousness

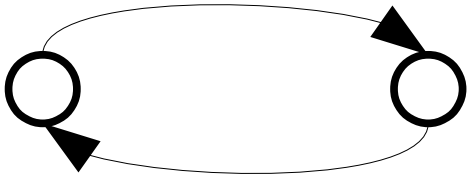
7 The merciful

8 The pure in heart

9 The peacemakers

10 They which are persecuted for righteousness' sake

Three Kinds of Mercy



Reciprocal חסיד, חסד

Exo 34:6 And the LORD passed by before him, and proclaimed, The LORD, The LORD God, merciful and gracious, longsuffering, and abundant in **goodness** and truth, 7 Keeping **mercy** for thousands, forgiving iniquity and transgression and sin, and that will by no means clear the guilty; visiting the iniquity of the fathers upon the children, and upon the children's children, unto the third and to the fourth generation.

Neh 13:14 Remember me, O my God, concerning this, and wipe not out my **good deeds** that I have done for the house of my God, and for the offices thereof.

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



One-Way חן, חנין

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**”

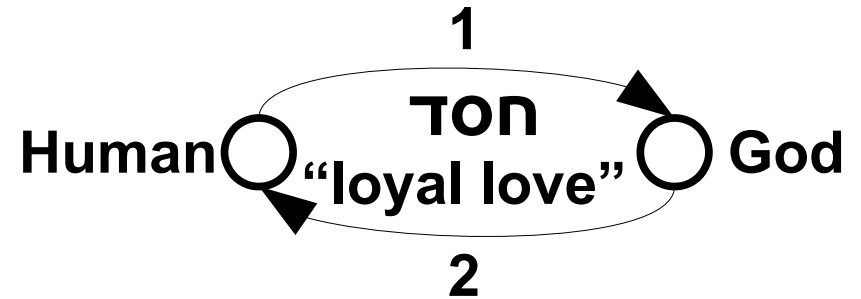
Mat 9:27 And when Jesus departed thence, two blind men followed him, crying, and saying, Thou Son of David, have mercy on us.

To the undeserving: χαρις “**grace**”

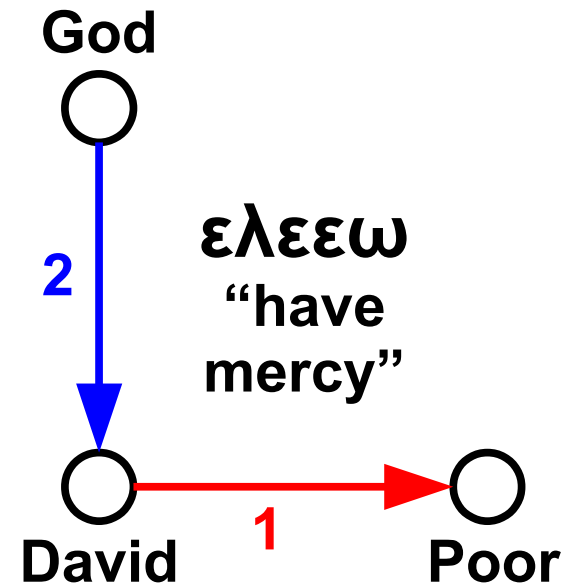
1Pe 2:18 Servants, *be* subject to *your* masters with all fear; not only to the good and gentle, but also to the froward. 19 For this *is* **thankworthy**, if a man for conscience toward God endure grief, suffering wrongfully. 20 For what glory *is it*, if, when ye be buffeted for your faults, ye shall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



Psa 41:1 Blessed μακαριος אשרי 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:

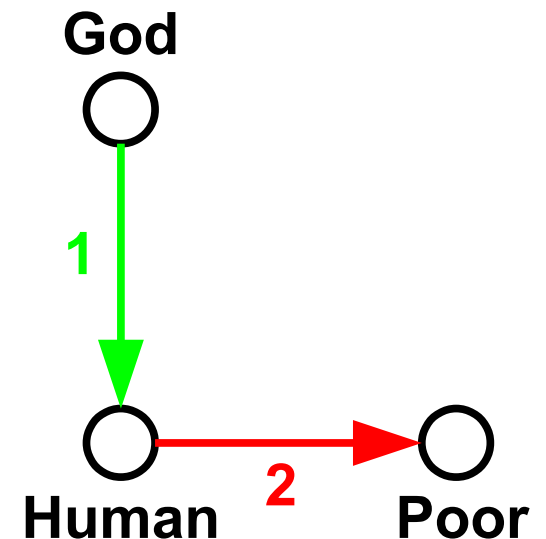
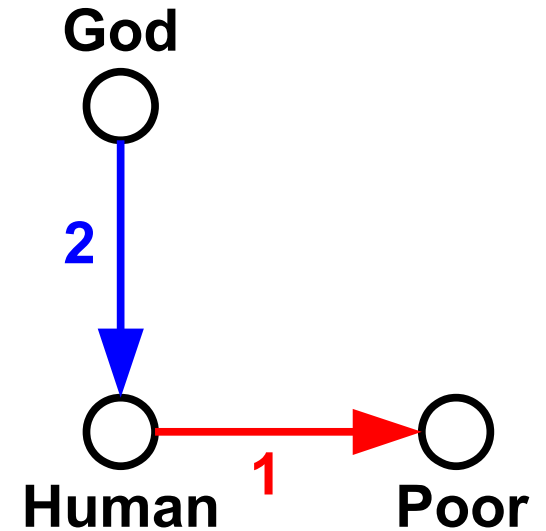
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Mat 25:34 Then shall the King say unto them on his right hand, **Come**, ye blessed of my Father, **inherit the kingdom** prepared for you from the foundation of the world: 35 **For** I was an hungred, and **ye gave me meat**: I was thirsty, and **ye 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:

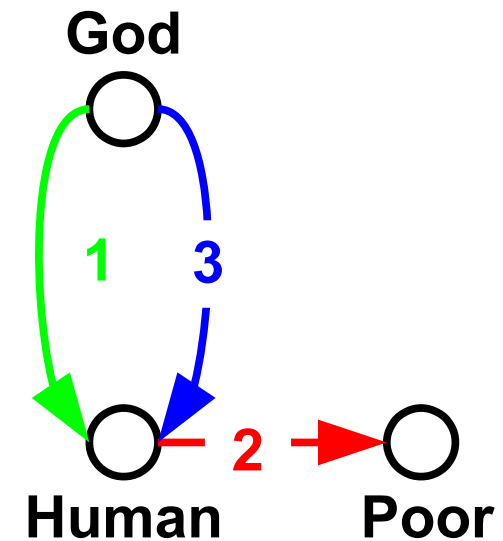
Eph 4:32 And be ye kind one to another, tenderhearted, **forgiving one another**, even as **God** for Christ's sake **hath forgiven you**.

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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“Have Mercy” ελεεω in the OT

More than half the instances (48/92) are Isaiah or later (Amos, Hosea, Jeremiah, Lamentations, Ezekiel, Zechariah), with two main meanings:

- What a nation will *not* experience when the judgment falls

[Lord against the Northern Kingdom:] Isa 9:17 Therefore the Lord shall have no joy in their young men, **neither shall have mercy** on their fatherless and widows: for every one *is* an hypocrite and an evildoer, and every mouth speaketh folly. For all this his anger is not turned away, but his hand *is* stretched out still.

[Medes against Babylon:] Isa 13:18 *Their* bows also shall dash the young men to pieces; and they **shall have no pity** on the fruit of the womb; their eye shall not spare children.

- What the Lord *will* do when he restores the nation

Isa 49:10 They shall not hunger nor thirst; neither shall the heat nor sun smite them: for he that **hath mercy** on them shall lead them, even by the springs of water shall he guide them. ... 13 Sing, O heavens; and be joyful, O earth; and break forth into singing, O mountains: for the LORD hath comforted his people, and will **have mercy** upon his afflicted.

Jer 12:15 And it shall come to pass, after that I have plucked them out I will return, and **have compassion** on them, and will bring them again, every man to his heritage, and every man to his land.

The Pure in Heart

Matt 5:8

Psa 24:3

Blessed are
the **pure in
heart**

For they shall
see God

Who shall ascend into the hill of the LORD?
or who shall **stand in his holy place [the place
of his holiness]**?

4 He that hath clean hands, and **a pure heart**;
who hath not lifted up his soul unto vanity, nor
sworn deceitfully. ...

6 This is the generation of them that seek him,
that **seek thy face**, ~~Ø~~ even Jacob. Selah.

Principles of a Pure Heart

The underlying **problem**:

Jer 17:9 **The heart** *is* deceitful above all *things*, and desperately wicked: who can know it?

Mat 15:18 But those things which proceed out of the mouth come forth from the heart; and they defile the man. 19 For **out of the heart** proceed evil thoughts, murders, adulteries, fornications, thefts, false witness, blasphemies: 20 These are *the things* which defile a man: but to eat with unwashen hands defileth not a man.

Relation to **actions**:

Gen 20:4 But Abimelech had not come near her: and he said, Lord, wilt thou slay also a righteous nation? 5 Said he not unto me, She *is* my sister? and she, even she herself said, He *is* my brother: in the **integrity of my heart** [LXX **with a pure heart**] and innocency of my hands have I done this.

Its **source**:

Pro 20:9 Who can say, I have made my **heart clean**, I am pure from my sin?

Psa 51:10 Create in me a **clean heart**, O God; and renew a right spirit within me.

How to have a pure heart:

Pro 4:23 **Keep [guard] thy heart** with all diligence; for out of it *are* the issues of life.

Eph 5:25 Husbands, love your wives, even as Christ also loved the church, and gave himself for it; 26 That he might sanctify and **cleanse it with the washing of water by the word**,

Psa 119:11 **Thy word have I hid in mine heart**, that I might not sin against thee.

Seeing God

Why can't we see God?

Isa 59:1 Behold, the LORD'S hand is not shortened, that it cannot save; neither his ear heavy, that it cannot hear: 2 But your iniquities have separated between you and your God, and **your sins have hid *his* face from you**, that he will not hear.

Where did people see God?

Psa 63:1 O God, thou *art* my God; early will I seek thee: my soul thirsteth for thee, my flesh longeth for thee in a dry and thirsty land, where no water is; 2 To see thy power and thy glory, **so as I have seen thee in the sanctuary.**

When will we see God?

Isa 2:2 And it shall come to pass in the last days, *that* the mountain of the LORD'S house shall be established in the top of the mountains, and shall be exalted above the hills; and all nations shall flow unto it. 3 And many people shall go and say, Come ye, and **let us go up** to the mountain of the LORD, **to the house of the God of Jacob**; and he will teach us of his ways, and we will walk in his paths: for out of Zion shall go forth the law, and the word of the LORD from Jerusalem. (~ Micah 4:1-2)

Rev 22:3 And there shall be no more curse: but the throne of God and of the Lamb shall be in it; and his servants shall serve him: 4 And **they shall see his face**;