




Happy are the Merciful

Every Beatitude is a condition, which, when fulfilled, will reward you. In simple terms, it means you shall reap what you sow. That is what the fifth Beatitude is all about:- If you show mercy, you will get mercy.



Have you heard of the feast of Divine Mercy? It is celebrated on the Sunday after Easter in keeping with saint Faustina Kowalska from Poland, and her visions and visitations from Jesus, Who once told her: "The Feast emerged from the very depths of My mercy, and it is confirmed in the vast depths of My tender mercies. Every soul believing and trusting in My mercy will obtain it."



Mercy was central to Jesus' life and teachings. He tells us very clearly that we must be merciful, just as our Heavenly Father is merciful to us. Do you think it is humanly possible to be merciful like God?

We are all born merciful but as we grow up, we slowly lose this inherent quality due to many reasons. Whenever we see our fellow humans or living beings suffering we feel pity and want to help. This inner feeling is proof that we are born with mercy or compassion.

You may have heard about Gautam Buddha, who was known as the compassionate one. He taught humans to show karuna or compassion for all living beings. We also know how Jesus felt mercy for different groups and people.

Jesus taught us through His own actions to have mercy and do serve the neglected people. In His lifetime, He fed the hungry, healed the sick and by washing the feet of His own disciples on Maundy Thursday, set an example for us to follow.

If we show mercy we will receive mercy, because mercy is both miraculous and contagious. When you show mercy to another person and when that person returns the mercy, both are affected by the touch of mercy and in a way both are reminded of the mercy of God.

The fifth Beatitude wants us to create such a world, where the Divine Mercy will bring about active sympathy and compassionate service in a dark and cruel world



Word of God

John 13:13-15

You call me Teacher and Lord—and you are right, for that is what I am. So if I, your Lord and Teacher, have washed your feet, you also ought to wash one another's feet. For I have set you an example, that you also should do as I have done to you.



Quote: *"But God, being rich in mercy, because of the great love with which he loved us."* Ephesians 2:4

Quote: *"Let us then with confidence draw near to the throne of grace, that we may receive mercy and find grace to help in time of need."* Hebrews 4:16

Quote: *"The Lord is gracious and full of compassion, slow to anger and great in mercy. The Lord is good to all, and His tender mercies are over all His works."* Psalm 145: 8 – 9

Quote: *"Praise be to the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ! In his great mercy he has given us new birth into a living hope through the resurrection of Jesus Christ from the dead."* 1 Peter 1: 3

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