

The Forgotten Jesus Podcast
S7E12
Mercy For The Merciful - Matthew 5:7

Description – Continuing to look at the Beatitudes, we examine mercy, from Matthew 5:7

Last week we talked about hungering and thirsting for righteousness, and this week we'll pick up with the next Beatitude in v. 7

Remember, the first 4 beatitudes deal with our relationship with God. This beatitude today begins the shift to the last 4 that deal with our relationships with others.

Matthew 5:7

⁷ Blessed are the merciful, for they will be shown mercy.

Grace - giving someone what they don't deserve.

Mercy - Not getting what you have earned or deserve, withholding punishment for wrongdoing

The identifying marker of a child of God is one who extends mercy to those whom they are able to extend mercy, because we've been shown incredible mercy from God.

The opposite of Mercy is law or punishment.

There is a conditional aspect to Mercy. We extend mercy to others because we want mercy to be extended to us from God.

There is a difference between "Karma" and "Sowing and Reaping"

Karma - concept comes from hinduism / buddhism. It originates as a principle of action, both good and bad, and will effect how they will be reincarnated in the next life. It's way more than just "you did me wrong, so you'll get yours."

Sowing and Reaping - actions in this life garner consequences in the future, same life. So what you do today, will change or alter your future self, for good or for bad.

Galatians 6:7-10

⁷ Don't be deceived: God is not mocked. For whatever a person sows he will also reap, ⁸ because the one who sows to his flesh will reap destruction from the flesh, but the one who sows to the Spirit will reap eternal life from the Spirit. ⁹ Let us not get tired of doing good, for we will reap at the proper time if we don't give up. ¹⁰ Therefore, as we have opportunity, let us work for the good of all, especially for those who belong to the household of faith.

Paul is saying you can't pull one over on God. You can't trick or fool Him. He will not be mocked. And one day you'll reap from the destruction you've sown.

1 Corinthians 3:12-15

¹² If anyone builds on the foundation with gold, silver, costly stones, wood, hay, or straw, ¹³ each one's work will become obvious. For the day will disclose it, because it will be revealed by fire; the fire will test the quality of each one's work. ¹⁴ If anyone's work that he has built survives, he will receive a reward. ¹⁵ If anyone's work is burned up, he will experience loss, but he himself will be saved—but only as through fire.

By the way, this is the one verse that the Catholic Church takes out of context and tries to build an understanding of Purgatory upon.