

The Beatitudes: The Merciful

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

For the Lord your God is a merciful
God; he will not abandon or destroy you
or forget the covenant with your
forefathers, which he confirmed to them
by oath.

I lift up my eyes to you,
to you whose throne is in heaven.
As the eyes of slaves look to the hand of
their master,
as the eyes of a maid look to the
hand of her mistress,
so our eyes look to the Lord our God,
till he shows us his mercy.
Have mercy on us, O Lord, have mercy on us,
for we have endured much contempt.
We have endured much ridicule from the proud,
much contempt from the arrogant.

For I desire mercy, not sacrifice,
and acknowledgment of God rather
than burnt offerings.

He has showed you, O man, what is good.
And what does the Lord require of you?
To act justly and to love mercy
and to walk humbly with your God.

Speak and act as those who are
going to be judged by the law that gives
freedom, because judgment without
mercy will be shown to anyone who has
not been merciful. Mercy triumphs over judgment!

Matthew 5:7; Deuteronomy 4:31
Psalm 123:1-4; Hosea 6:6; Micah 6:8
James 2:12-13