

Men's Bible Study **Calvary Chapel** Cajon

Sermon On The Mount

Matthew 5:7-8

⁷ Blessed are the merciful, for they shall obtain mercy.

⁸ Blessed are the pure in heart, for they shall see God.

1. After reading through these verses, what would you say to someone if they asked you what they were about?
2. Key Words: Underline or highlight the phrases that begin with the word *blessed*
Underline or highlight in a different way the phrases that begin with the word *for*
3. Using the phrases which you highlighted or underlined, complete the following chart:

Blessed are:	for:

THE MERCIFUL, Matthew 5:7

1. The fifth "Beatitude" (attitude we are to be) is recorded in Matthew 5:7. What is it?
2. How would you define mercy?
3. Read the following scriptures and record the practical ways God would have us show *mercy*.
Isaiah 58:6,7

Galatians 6:1,2

Acts 20:35

4. In what way is *forgiveness* an expression of *mercy*?

5. Consider the attitudes reflected in James 2:15-17 and 1 John 3:17. How do these examples display a lack of *mercy*?

6. God rewards *mercy*. What does God promise the *merciful*?
Matthew 5:7

Psalm 18:25

Proverbs 19:17

Matthew 25:34,35

7. Why do you think Christians, at times, are guilty of withholding *mercy*?

8. In what ways did/does Jesus exemplify the attitude of *mercy*?

PURE IN HEART, Matthew 5:8

1. Jesus could have called for *pure* actions in the next Beatitude. Instead, where is He looking for purity?

2. Jesus is calling for *purity of heart*. Yet what does Jeremiah 17:9 teach us about the *heart*?

3. Reflect on this definition of a *pure heart*: "to have a clean heart; to be unsoiled, unmixed, unpolluted; to be cleansed, purged, forgiven; to be holy; to have a single purpose, that of God's glory." Considering this definition, what is man's part and what is God's part?

4. According to the following verses, what actions/attributes reveal a *pure heart*?
Jeremiah 4:14

1 Peter 1:22

Psalm 24:4,5
5. David, a man known for being a man after God's heart, understood his short-comings. Record his prayer in Psalm 51:10.
 - a. Why is this prayer so important for us to pray?
6. What is the promise to those who are *pure in heart*? Matthew 5:8
 - a. The word *holy* perfectly describes God. The word *holy* is also used to describe something or someone set aside for God's purposes. What does Hebrews 12:14 say about *holiness*?
7. This verse concerns both our lives now and our lives in heaven. In what ways does *purity of heart* help us to see God more clearly?
 - a. How does a heart of sin dim our view of God?
8. Our view of God in this life, although glorious, is nothing compared to what is ahead for us. Record the awesome words of 1 Corinthians 13:12.
 - a. How does the fact that the *pure in heart see God*, stir you to pursue *purity*?
9. Which Beatitude in this lesson do you find most challenging to walk in? Why?