

## **“Mercy Came a Runnin’ (2): The End of Perfection.”**

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- ❑ There are nine beatitudes in Matthew’s Sermon on the Mount (5:1-12), and the shining center-piece is: “Blessed are the \_\_\_\_\_, for they shall obtain \_\_\_\_\_ (5:7).”
  
- ❑ \_\_\_\_\_ is the defining paradigm for the rest of Matthew 5, as these seven real life clips reveal:
  - ◆ Real Life Clip #1—5:21-26—Mercy for the \_\_\_\_\_ .
    - Jesus’ radical brand of mercy declares that the \_\_\_\_\_ be the \_\_\_\_\_ of reconciliation.
  
  - ◆ Real Life Clip #2—5:27-30—Mercy for the \_\_\_\_\_ .
    - \_\_\_\_\_ is the opposite of mercy; for mercy lives to preserve, but lust lives to \_\_\_\_\_ .
  
  - ◆ Real Life Clip #3—5:31, 32—Mercy for the \_\_\_\_\_ .
    - Adultery is the grounds for \_\_\_\_\_ .
  
  - ◆ Real Life Clip #4—5:33-37—Mercy for the \_\_\_\_\_ .
    - “Let your Yes be \_\_\_\_\_ and your No be \_\_\_\_\_.”
  
  - ◆ Real Life Clip #5—5:38-42—Mercy for the \_\_\_\_\_ cheek.
    - The community of the extra-milers and other-cheekers—that is the community of \_\_\_\_\_ .
  
  - ◆ Real Life Clip #6—5:43-47—Mercy for your \_\_\_\_\_ .
    - Note the four proactive verbs to teach us mercy’s response toward our enemies:
      - \_\_\_\_\_ your enemies.
      - \_\_\_\_\_ those who curse you.
      - \_\_\_\_\_ to those who hate you.
      - \_\_\_\_\_ for those who spitefully use you.
  
  - ◆ Real Life Clip #7—5:45-48—The Mercy that comes a runnin’ is your \_\_\_\_\_ in heaven.

- So if you really want to be perfect like God, be \_\_\_\_\_ like God.
- “Be \_\_\_\_\_ like your Father in heaven” (Mt 5:48) simply means “Be \_\_\_\_\_ like your Father in heaven” (Lk 6:36).
- “God is Himself the source of all mercy. His name is ‘merciful and gracious.’ Exodus 34:6. He does not treat us according to our desert. He does not ask if we are worthy of His love, but He pours upon us the riches of His love, to make us worthy. He is not vindictive. He seeks not to punish, but to redeem. Even the severity which He manifests through His providences is manifested for the salvation of the wayward. He yearns with intense desire to relieve the woes of men and to apply His balsam to their wounds. It is true that God ‘will by no means clear the guilty’ (Exodus 34:7), but He would take away the guilt.” (*Thoughts from the Mount of Blessing* 22)

*“Be like your Father”*

merciful, mercy, mercy, angry, innocent, initiator, lustful, Lust, consume, married, forgiveness, rash, Yes, No, other, Mercy, enemies, Love, Bless, Do good, Pray, Father, merciful, perfect, merciful