

Mercy Came a Runnin' (5): How to Put a Smile on God's Face"

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☐ Matthew 9:9-13

- ◆ v. 13 *The Message*: "I'm here to invite outsiders, not coddle insiders."
- ◆ Martin Luther's prayer: "May God of His mercy preserve me from a church in which there are none but saints. I desire to dwell with the humble, the feeble, the sick, who know and feel their sins, and who groan and cry continually to God from the bottom of their hearts to obtain His consolation and support." (Quoted in *Great Controversy* 191)

☐ Matthew 12:1-14

☐ Two stories about Jesus with a single truth about God: "I desire _____" (Hosea 6:6).

- ◆ The truth we need to get "frontwards": Mercy elevates _____ above _____ .
 - And _____ above propriety.
 - And human _____ above human laws.
 - And _____ above justice.
- ◆ James 2:13—"For judgment is without _____ to the one who has shown no _____ . _____ triumphs over judgment."
 - Greek *krisis*, "judgment," is also translated _____ in the New Testament.
 - "Mercy triumphs over justice."
- ◆ "In reforms we would better come one step short of the mark than to go one step beyond it. And if there is error at all, let it be on the side next to the _____ ." (3T 20)
- ◆ Our temptation is to elevate _____ over _____ .

☐ Try experimenting with this simple little question: What would be the most _____ thing to do in this instance?

- ◆ "He who loves God will not only love his fellow men, but will regard with tender compassion the creatures which God has made." (SD 52)
- ◆ Calvary is how God answered that question.

"Blessed are the merciful"

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