

**Sermon Outline** for November 4, 2018

Text: Matthew 5:7

Title: "Blessed are the Merciful"

Introduction

This is not mere natural mercy as is occasionally found among people, but the mercy growing out of our personal experience of the mercy of God!

Webster' s Dictionary defines mercy: *"a refraining from harming or punishing offenders, enemies, persons in one's power; kindness in excess of what may be expected or demanded by fairness; forbearance and compassion."*

I. The merciful person refrains from harming or punishing:

- A. Offenders
- B. Enemies.
- C. Persons in one's power.

II. The merciful person shows excess of what may be:

- A. Expected by fairness.
- B. Demanded by fairness.

III. The merciful person shows:

- A. Forbearance.
- B. Compassion.

Conclusion

Having experienced God's amazing, abundant mercy, we are merciful to other people. Jesus, Luke 6:36, "Be merciful just as your Father is merciful."