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**Mercy**

**Kindness shown  
toward the miserable  
and wretched.**

***Mercy is for the oppressed.***

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**#1**

**Matthew 9:9 And as Jesus passed on from there, He saw a man, called Matthew, sitting in the tax office; and He said to him, “Follow Me!” And he rose, and followed Him.**

**Matthew 9:10 And it happened that as He was reclining at the table in the house, behold many tax-gatherers and sinners came and were dining with Jesus and His disciples.**

**Matthew 9:11 And when the Pharisees saw this, they said to His disciples, “Why is your Teacher eating with the tax-gatherers and sinners?”**

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**13 But go and learn what this means, ‘I desire mercy, and not sacrifice...’ for I did not come to call the righteous, but sinners.”**

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**God's**

**Hosea 6:6 For I desire mercy, not  
sacrifice, and the knowledge of God  
rather than burnt offerings. (NIV)**



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### **Amplification**

**“Happy are the merciful, for knowing  
that they have first received mercy  
themselves, they dispense mercy freely  
and, thus, shall receive more mercy.”**

**Matthew 12:1 At that time Jesus went on the Sabbath through the grainfields, and His disciples became hungry and began to pick the heads of grain and eat. 2 But when the Pharisees saw it, they said to Him, “Behold, Your disciples do what is not lawful to do on a Sabbath.”**



**#2**

**Matthew 12:3 But He said to them,  
“Have you not read what David did, when  
he became hungry, he and his companions;  
4 how he entered the house of God, and they  
ate the consecrated bread, which was not  
lawful for him to eat, nor for those with him,  
but for the priests alone?  
5 Or have you not read in the Law,  
that on the Sabbath the priests in the temple  
break the Sabbath, and are innocent?**

**Matthew 12:6 But I say to you, that something greater than the temple is here.  
7 Now if you had known what this means, 'I desire mercy, and not sacrifice,' you would not have condemned the innocent."**

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**Matthew 23:23 “Woe to you, teachers of the law and Pharisees, you hypocrites! You give a tenth of your spices - - mint, dill and cumin. But you have neglected the weightier provisions of the law - - justice, mercy and faithfulness. But these are the things you should have done, without neglecting the others.”**



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**“Things which matter most  
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*-- Johann Wolfgang von Goethe*

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**3. Care for the wretched rather than being busy doing good activities (Mt. 23, tithing)**