

The Year of Harvest

Prayer Guide

Week 35

The Year of Harvest – The Fruit of the Kingdom – The Merciful

Blessed are the merciful, For they shall obtain mercy.

Matthew 5:7 (NKJV)



Prayer Focus: Life is full of pain and hurts and disappointments. These are the results of sin, and the original rebellion of Adam and Eve passed down to following generations. No one is exempt from the damages of personal attacks, harsh words, deception, malice, lies, treachery or the damage the tongue can have on reputation and self esteem. We all have been victims of such painful encounters. The way of the world and the way of the flesh is to lash out and try to get revenge. To try to do “one better” to the other person or persons. We assemble our weapons of war in our hearts. We file away offenses and keep them locked away for future use. We store up every offensive word, or look to be used as justification of future counter attacks. But Jesus tells us something completely counter to our nature and the ways of the world. He says, “Blessed are the merciful, for they shall receive mercy.” Mercy, strictly speaking is something that is a part of the thoughts and actions of the people of God. Mercy has reference to the act of forgiveness of offenses. This is not to have pity, but as a result of the mercy God has poured out upon us, we can show mercy to those who offend and injure us. Many people struggle with this, thinking that this is to let the other person get away with their offenses. It is not that at all. Rather it is letting go of our supposed right to retribution because of the love and mercy of God that indwells us, and giving that person over to the judgment of God. If we will show mercy to those who hurt us, God will pour out his mercy upon us in ways that will surprise us. Are you a person who exemplifies mercy in your life?

Day 1: Today, study verses in the Bible on mercy to learn more about this important trait.

Day 2: Praise and worship the Lord today that His mercies are new every morning (Lam. 3: 22-23)

Day 3: Examine your life today in the light of God’s mercies. Are you a person of mercy?

Day 4: Repent of ways you have wanted to get back at others for how they treated you.

Day 5: Pray that your church will teach mercy and be filled with people who live lives of mercy.

Day 6: Intercede today for other believers in your city to demonstrate to the world lives of mercy.

Day 7: Ask the Lord to help missionaries to display in their lives this mercy that reflects Christ to others.