

Blessed are the merciful and the pure in heart

Scripture Reading: Matthew 5:7&8

5. Blessed are the merciful: To be merciful is one of the important good traits that we should possess. Mercy is not just a mind thing, but has to be revealed in our actions too. We are surrounded by people who suffer each day as their needs are not met. There are many who are in need of our mercy. Mercy is a act of love. To show mercy in a worldly sense is to feed the hungry, to clothe the naked, to give place to the homeless, visiting those in the prison, visiting the hospitals and praying for the sick, etc. but to show mercy in a spiritual sense is to tell about Jesus to those living in sin, to lead the misled again to the right path, to counsel with patience to those who are in sin, to forgive and to intercede for others.

Blessings of those who are merciful: We shall reap mercy if we sow mercy. With such will God be even in times of evil and will deliver such from all trouble (Psalms 41:1-2). On the Day of Judgment they will obtain mercy and honor.

6. Blessed are the pure in heart: The heart mentioned in the bible does not refer to our ball like body organ that beats 72 times every minute. But rather it refers to the entire personality, character, self will, emotions and personal principles. We have to be holy in all these areas. We can have fellowship with God only when our heart is holy. To be pure in heart is to make us free from all forms of sin.

Blessings of those who are pure in heart: They shall see God.

Questions:

1. What does the heart refer to?
2. How should our mercy reveal?
3. Who will see God?