

#### THE BEATITUDES OF JESUS

An *aphorism* is a concise and memorable statement that conveys truth in a thought-provoking way.

## **Blessed Are the Merciful**

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Lamentations 3:22 "It is of the LORD'S mercies that we are not consumed, because his compassions fail not."

#### Luke 10:33

"But a certain Samaritan, as he journeyed, came where he was: and when he saw him, he had compassion on him,"

#### Luke 10:34

"And went to him, and bound up his wounds, pouring in oil and wine, and set him on his own beast, and brought him to an inn, and took care of him."

## Luke 10:36-37 "Which now of these three, thinkest thou, was neighbour unto him that fell among the thieves? 37 And he said, He that shewed mercy on him."

## Psalm 103:8 "The LORD is merciful and gracious, slow to anger, and plenteous in mercy."

2 Corinthians 1:3 "Blessed be God, even the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, the Father of mercies, and the God of all comfort."

#### Titus 3:5

"Not by works of righteousness which we have done, but according to his mercy he saved us, by the washing of regeneration, and renewing of the Holy Ghost."

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"Brethren, if a man be overtaken in a fault, ye which are spiritual, restore such an one in the spirit of meekness; considering thyself, lest thou also be tempted."

## Galatians 6:2 "Bear ye one another's burdens, and so fulfil the law of Christ."

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