

# Blessed Are The Merciful For They Will Be Shown Mercy

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Matt. 5.7

Christianity is a great resource in the face of suffering and evil.

First: God is a relational being

- The Bible and science point to this.
- The Bible says God is love and teaches he is a “Trinity”: Father, Son and Spirit. Three persons in one being: a relationship.
- A relational God would create a relational universe and the universe exists in relationship with itself.

Second: If God is relational, He created out of, and for, relationship

- Relational beings want to love and be loved, to be known and to know.
- We see this in our own desire for relationship.
- Are we projecting our self-image onto God? No. We are created in God’s image and reflect that.

Third: When God created the universe He gave it freedom

- Science and the Bible point to this.
- Love requires freedom, but freedom carries a great risk.

Fourth: That freedom has been abused .

- We see the effects of that abuse in evil and suffering: pure evil, selfish evil, ignorant or foolish evil, and innocent victims.

That is the nature of our universe. God has a choice. He can judge it, kill the problem and start over. This, though, is contrary to His

relational nature and the fact that He created in His own image.

Instead, God redeems. God enters into humanity as one of us. He comes relationally and bears the consequences of evil and suffering in His own person. That's mercy.

God continues to offer mercy, even though it means suffering will continue looking toward the day when His Kingdom is firmly established. That's mercy.

A final thought: Jesus calls us to be "perfect as your Father in Heaven is perfect." He means live mercifully just as your Father extends mercy to others. Let us be those who walk in weakness, extending mercy in the face of suffering and evil. We will ourselves find mercy there.