

# **“Loving Mercy”**

## **Micah 6:6-8**

### Introduction

- I. Being a merciful person should be of importance to every human being (Matt. 5:7; Luke 6:36).
- II. We all need mercy because we all have sinned (Rom. 3:23; 6:23).
- III. Let us notice some ways that we can extend mercy.
  - A. The example of the Samaritan
  - B. Forgiving others
  - C. Encouraging others

### Discussion

- I. The Samaritan is a great example of extending mercy (Luke 10:25-37).
  - A. Christians are commanded to be benevolent people (Gal. 6:10).
  - B. We should remember that we should help others as if we were helping Jesus (Matt. 25:31-40).
- II. By forgiving others, we extend to them mercy.
  - A. Jesus is the greatest example of such (John 8:1-12; Mark 2:1-12; John 21:15-19; Luke 23:34).
  - B. If we want mercy, then we must be willing to forgive others (Matt. 6:14-15; 18:21; Eph. 4:32; Gal. 2:20).
- III. Encouraging others is another way to extend mercy.
  - A. Barnabas is a good example of one that encouraged others (Acts 4:36-37; Acts 9:26-30).
  - B. Jesus is the greatest example of what it means to be an encourager (Matt. 25:36, 44; 9:36; Mark 6:33-34; Luke 22:31-32).

### Conclusion

- I. Of all people on the Earth, Christians should demonstrate mercy.
- II. We should never lose sight that if it had not been for God's mercy, then we all would be without hope (Eph. 2:4-5).