## "Provision For The Pursuit"

Matthew 5:7-8

Sermon Series in Matthew's Gospel

May 5, 2024

"Blessed are the merciful, for they shall receive mercy" (v. 7)	"Blessed are the merciful, for they shall receive mercy" (v. 7)
A. Mercy ( <u>v. 7b</u> .)	A. Mercy( <u>v. 7b</u> .)
1. A world without is a world without	1. A world without is a world without
2. God gives mercy because we it, not because we it.	2. God gives mercy because we it, not because we it.
3. Mercy ( <u>v. 7a</u> .)	B. Mercy( <u>v. 7a</u> .)
1. Mercy requires, not just	1. Mercy requires, not just
2. Mercy is on knowledge of the other	2. Mercy is on knowledge of the other
person's	person's .

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