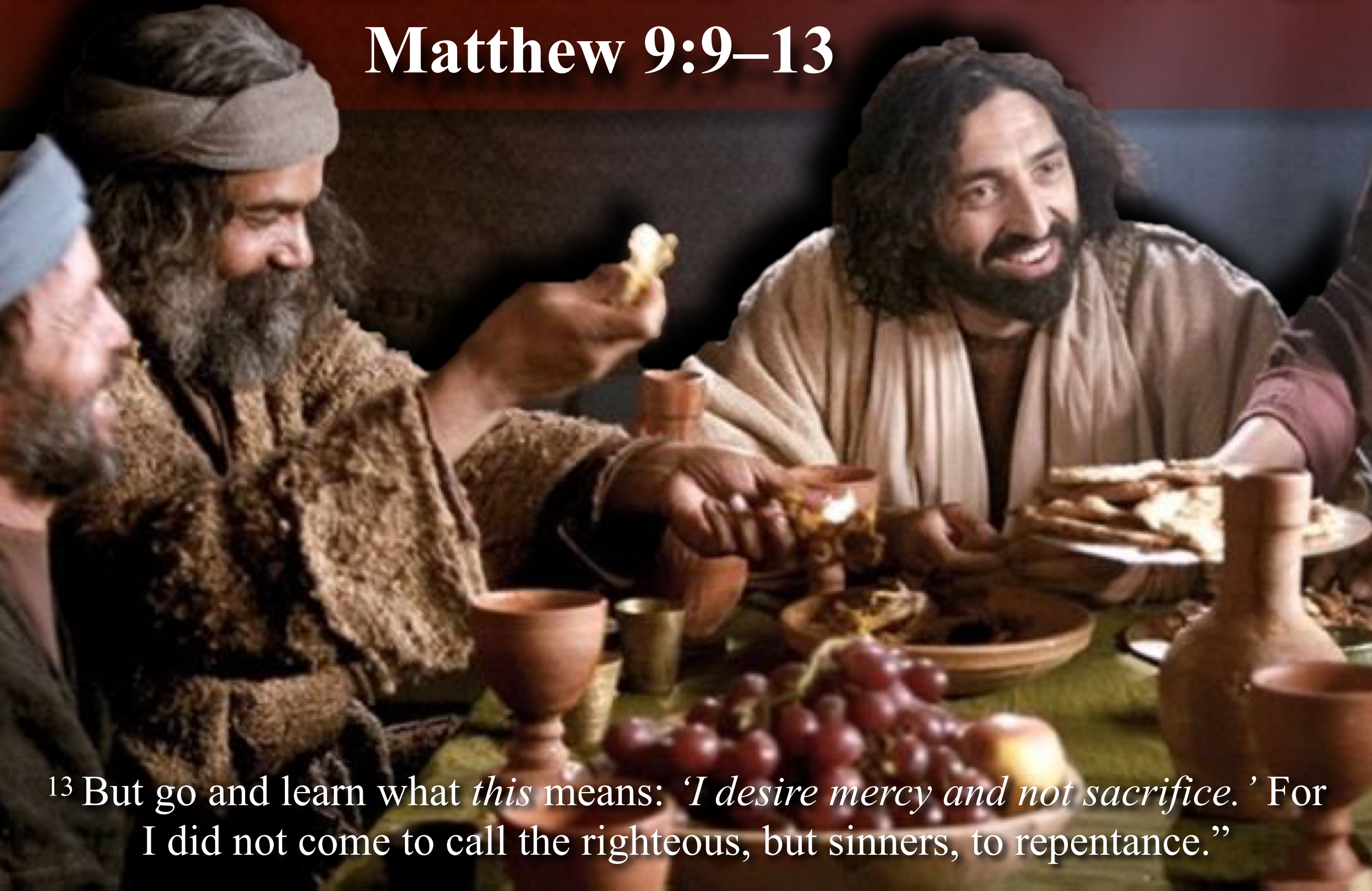


JESUS CALLS SINNERS TO REPENTANCE

Matthew 9:9–13



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Matthew 9:9–13

A cinematic photograph of Jesus and his disciples sitting around a table, eating and drinking. Jesus, with long dark hair and a beard, wearing a light-colored robe, is smiling and looking towards the left. He is holding a small piece of food. To his left, a man with a long grey beard and a brown head covering is also smiling. The table is set with several clay cups, plates of food, and a bowl of red grapes. The background is dark and out of focus.

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JESUS CALLS MATTHEW

Not your prototypical target



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Consider differences among some of Jesus's disciples:

- **Peter, Andrew, James & John** - Normal people, fishermen (Mat. 4:18-22)
- **Simon** the Zealot (Luke 6:15)
- **Matthew** - tax collector (Mat. 9:9; Mark 2:13, 14; Luke 5:27)

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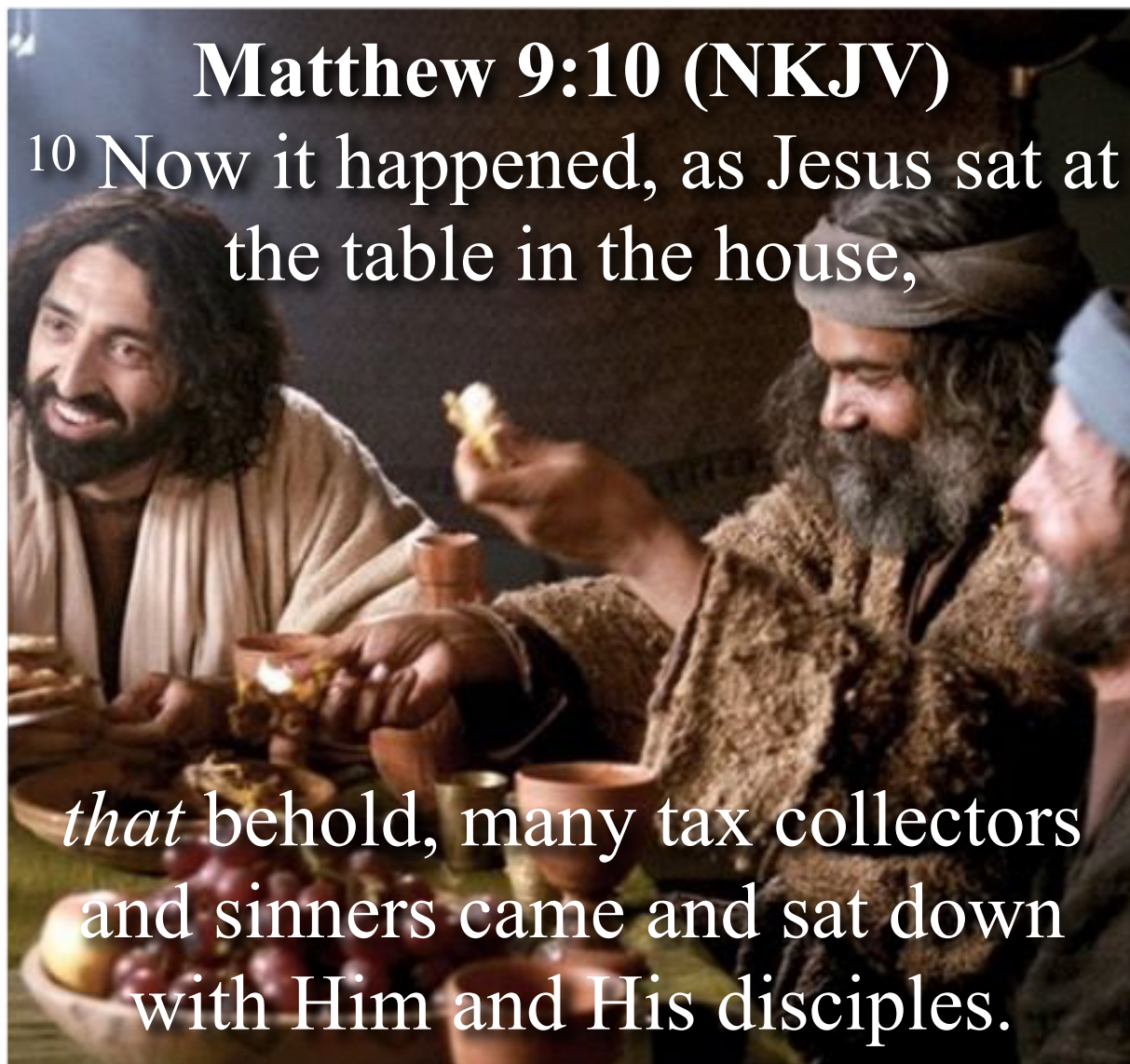
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❖ Matthew, (Levi), gives a feast with a “great number of tax collectors & sinners” (cf. Mt 9:10; Mk 2:15)

- Jesus, nor his disciples, removed themselves from this association with sinners.
- Sin is not transmitted like a virus. The failure to “socially distance” will not necessarily result in the spreading of sin.

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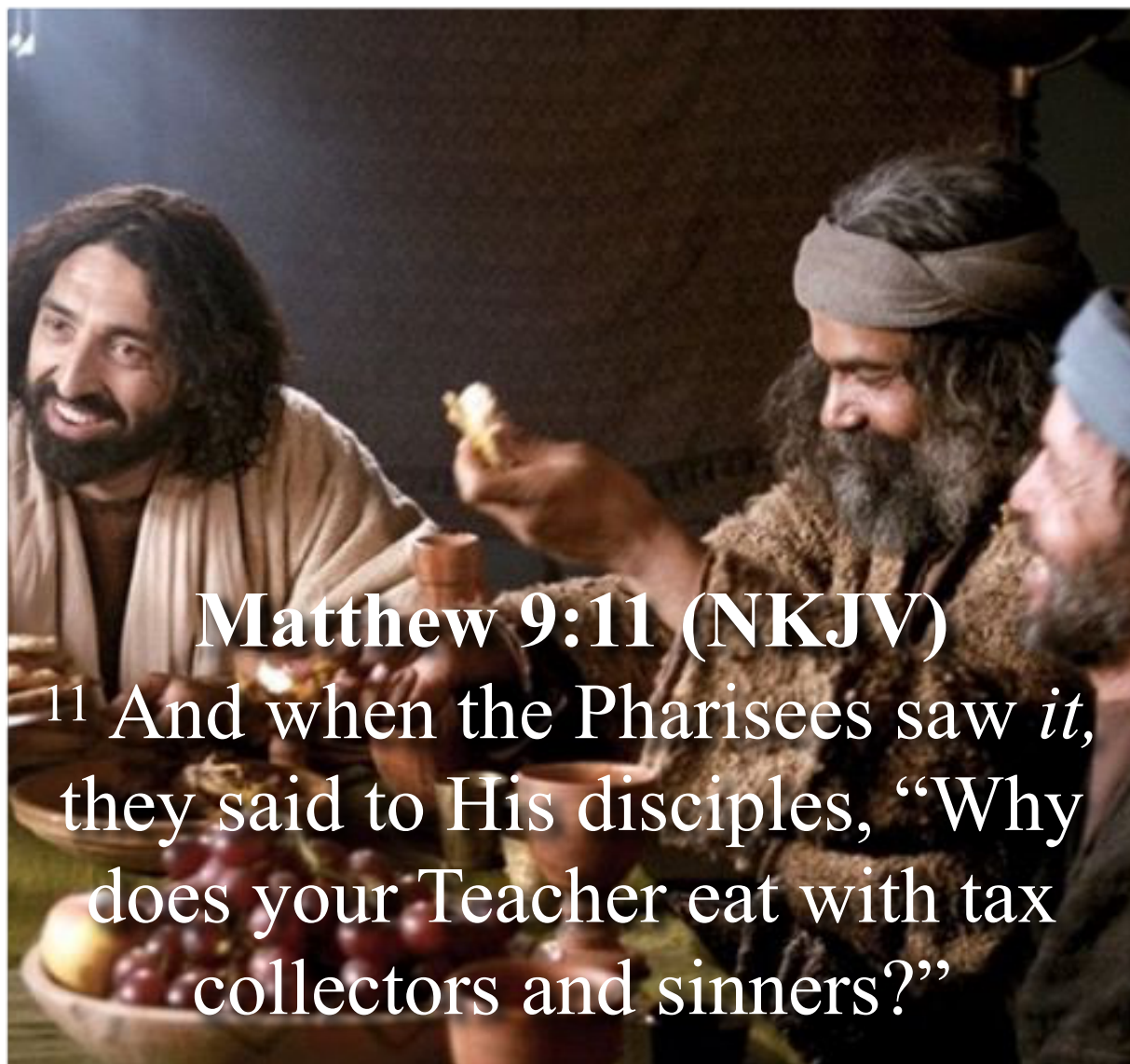
◆ A huge difference between mere “association” with sinners and ...

- Accepting sin (1 Cor. 5:6)
- Being influenced to become like them (Mt. 16:11,12)
- Companionship (1 Cor. 15:33; 2 Cor. 6:14-7:1)
- Compromise (Gal. 2:5)
- Participation (Ep. 5:3-12)

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Contrast In Attitudes Toward Sinners



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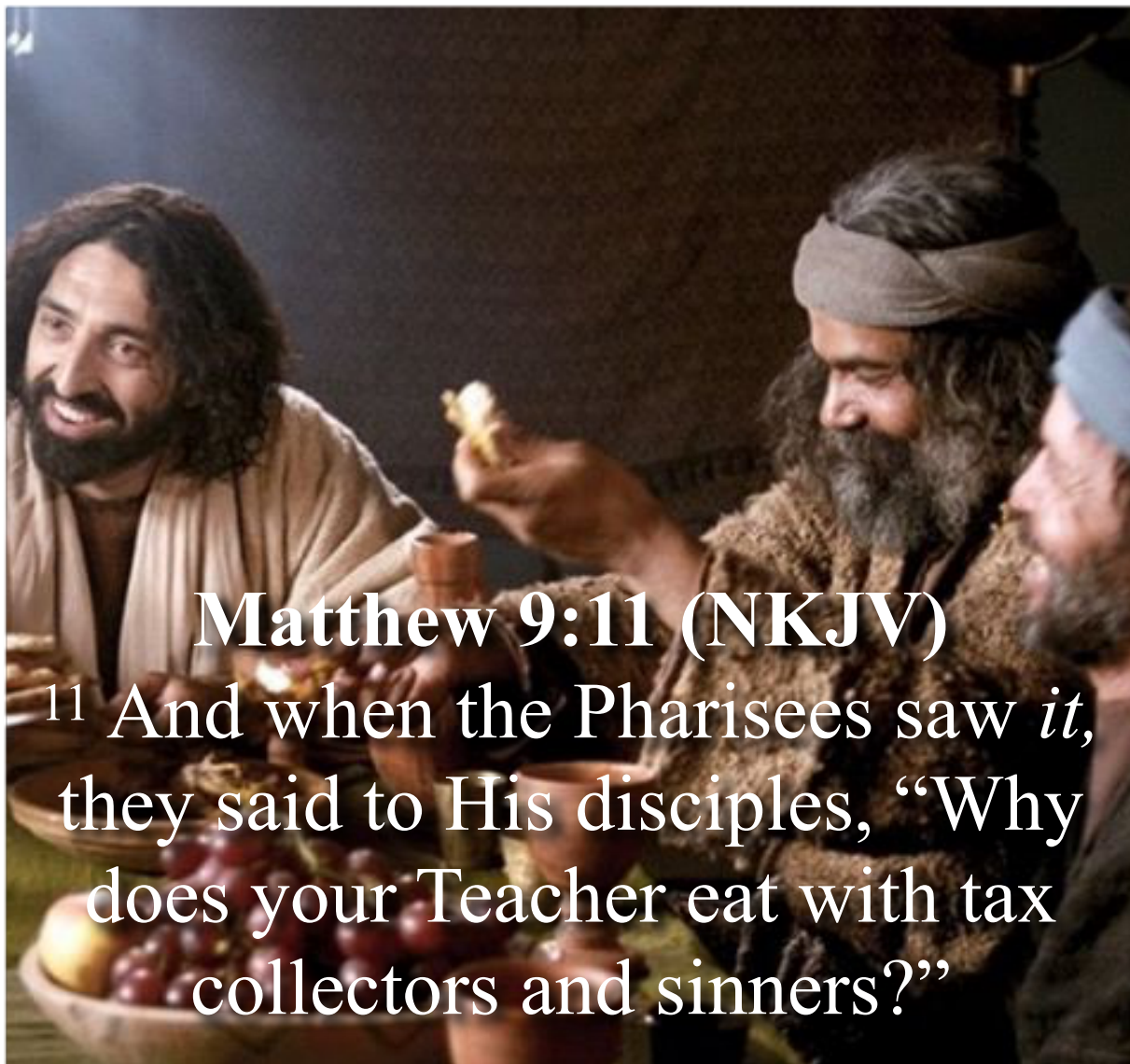
The Pharisaical ATTITUDE

- “Then all the tax collectors and the sinners drew near to Him to hear Him.² And the Pharisees and scribes complained, saying, “This Man receives sinners and eats with them.”” (Luke 15:1–2)
- The Pharisee & Tax Collector
“He spoke this parable to some who trusted in themselves that they were righteous, and despised others:” (Luke 18:9-14)

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The Pharisaical ATTITUDE

- Zacchaeus - a chief tax collector
“⁷But when they saw it, they all complained, saying, “He has gone to be a guest with a man who is a sinner.” (Luke 19:1-9)
- “Now when the Pharisee ...saw this, he spoke to himself, saying, “This Man, if He were a prophet, would know who and what manner of woman this is ...” (Luke 7:34–39)

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Luke 7:36–50 (NKJV)

³⁶ Then one of the Pharisees asked Him to eat with him. And He went to the Pharisee's house, and sat down to eat. ³⁷ And behold, a woman in the city who was a sinner, when she knew that *Jesus* sat at the table in the Pharisee's house, brought an alabaster flask of fragrant oil, ³⁸ and stood at His feet behind *Him* weeping; and she began to wash His feet with her tears, and wiped *them* with the hair of her head; and she kissed His feet and anointed *them* with the fragrant oil. ³⁹ Now when the Pharisee who had invited Him saw *this*, he spoke to himself, saying, "This Man, if He were a prophet, would know who and what manner of woman *this is* who is touching Him, for she is a sinner."

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Luke 7:36–50 (NKJV)

⁴⁰ And Jesus answered and said to him, “Simon, I have something to say to you.” So he said, “Teacher, say it.” ⁴¹

“There was a certain creditor who had two debtors. One owed five hundred denarii, and the other fifty. ⁴² And when they had nothing with which to repay, he freely forgave them both. Tell Me, therefore, which of them will love him more?” ⁴³ Simon answered and said, “I suppose the *one* whom he forgave more.” And He said to him, “You have rightly judged.”

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Luke 7:36–50 (NKJV)

⁴⁴ Then He turned to the woman and said to Simon, “Do you see this woman? I entered your house; you gave Me no water for My feet, but she has washed My feet with her tears and wiped *them* with the hair of her head. ⁴⁵ You gave Me no kiss, but this woman has not ceased to kiss My feet since the time I came in. ⁴⁶ You did not anoint My head with oil, but this woman has anointed My feet with fragrant oil.

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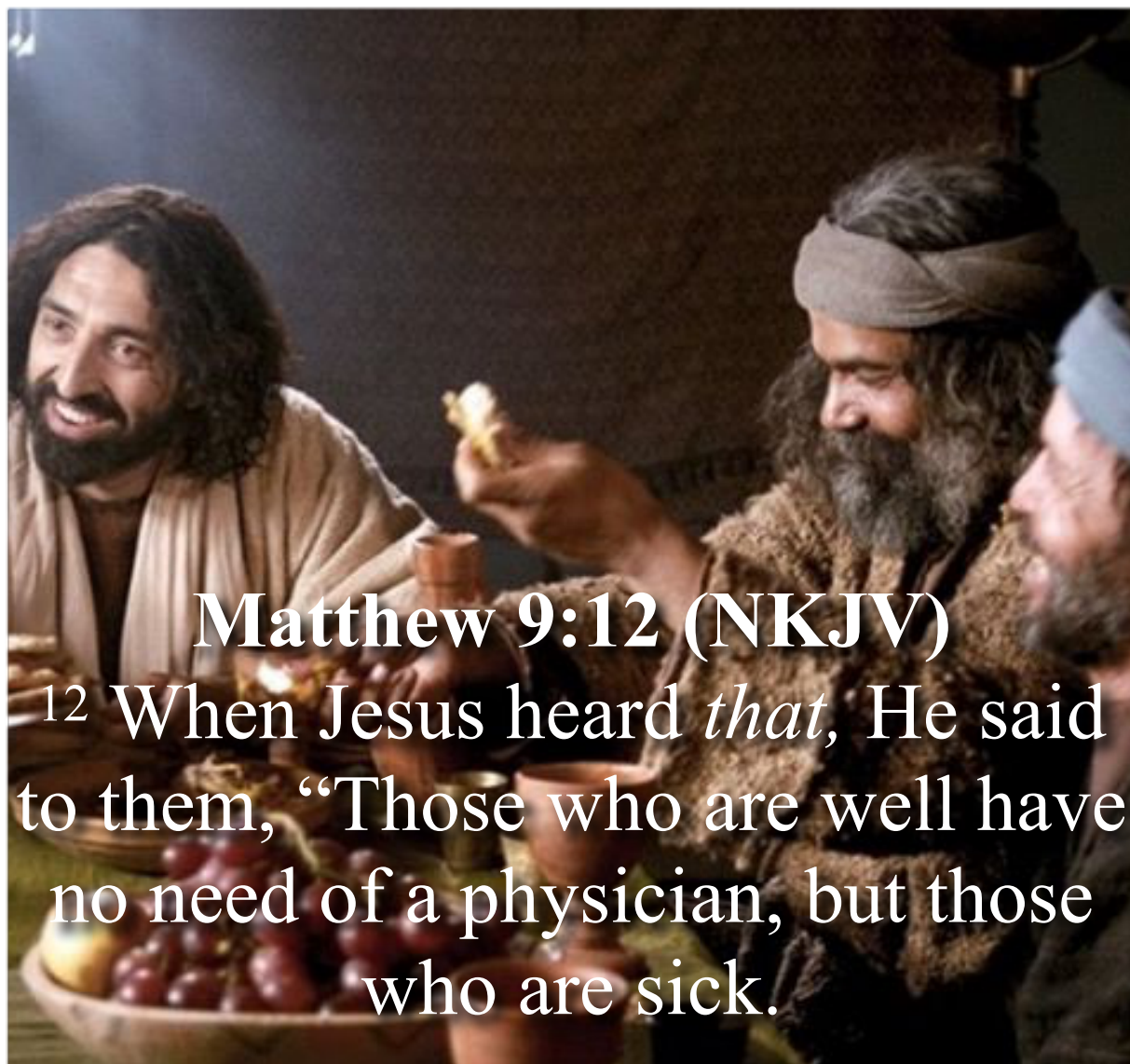
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⁴⁷ Therefore I say to you, her sins, *which are* many, are forgiven, for she loved much. But to whom little is forgiven, *the same* loves little.” ⁴⁸ Then He said to her, “Your sins are forgiven.” ⁴⁹ And those who sat at the table with Him began to say to themselves, “Who is this who even forgives sins?” ⁵⁰ Then He said to the woman, “Your faith has saved you. Go in peace.”

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Matthew 9:12 (NKJV)

¹² When Jesus heard *that*, He said to them, “Those who are well have no need of a physician, but those who are sick.”

◆ JESUS'S ATTITUDE

- He had COMPASSION: He recognized their need and wanted to help (Mt 9:35-38; 15:32; 14:14; Mark 10:21; Lk 7:11-15; 15:32; He. 4:15; 5:2)
- He provided the help all sinners desperately need - He went to the cross (John 15:13; Eph 5:2)
- He invites all sinners to come to Him (Mat. 11:28-30; Re. 22:17)

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“Go Learn What This Means”



Matthew 9:13 (NKJV)

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❖ Mercy, not sacrifice

Hosea 6:6 (NKJV)

⁶ For I desire mercy and not sacrifice, And the knowledge of God more than burnt offerings.

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- Not saying correct actions and obedience are NOT important (Mat 7:21-23; Heb 5:8,9; 8:5; 2 Thes. 1:7-9; 2 Jn 9)
- Correct actions (external obedience) without correct attitudes, (internal obedience), is unfaithfulness to God (Mic 6:6-8; Heb. 11:6; Rom. 6:16-18)
- Pharisees emphasized externals.

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Matthew 12:1–8 (NKJV)

¹ At that time Jesus went through the grainfields on the Sabbath. And His disciples were hungry, and began to pluck heads of grain and to eat. ² And when the Pharisees saw *it*, they said to Him, “Look, Your disciples are doing what is not lawful to do on the Sabbath!” ³ But He said to them, “Have you not read what David did when he was hungry, he and those who were with him: ⁴ how he entered the house of God and ate the showbread which was not lawful for him to eat, nor for those who were with him, but only for the priests?”

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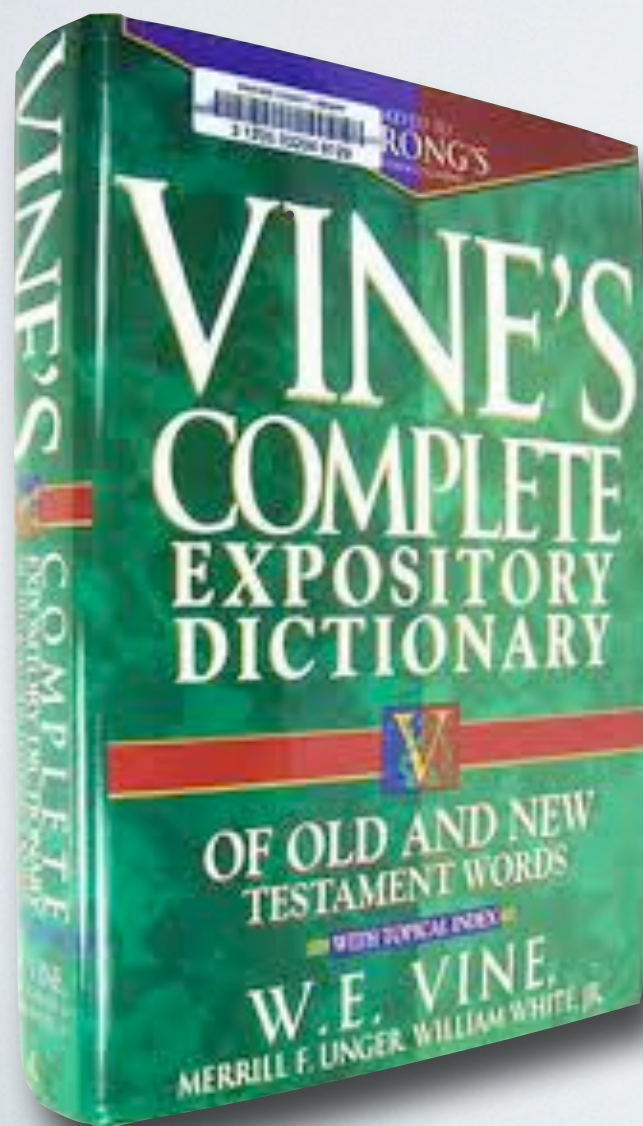
⁵ Or have you not read in the law that on the Sabbath the priests in the temple profane the Sabbath, and are blameless? ⁶ Yet I say to you that in this place there is *One* greater than the temple. ⁷ But if you had known what *this* means, ‘*I desire mercy and not sacrifice,*’ you would not have condemned the guiltless. ⁸ For the Son of Man is Lord even of the Sabbath.”

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*MERCIFUL (Adjective, and Verb, to be),
MERCY (Noun, and Verb, to have, etc.)*



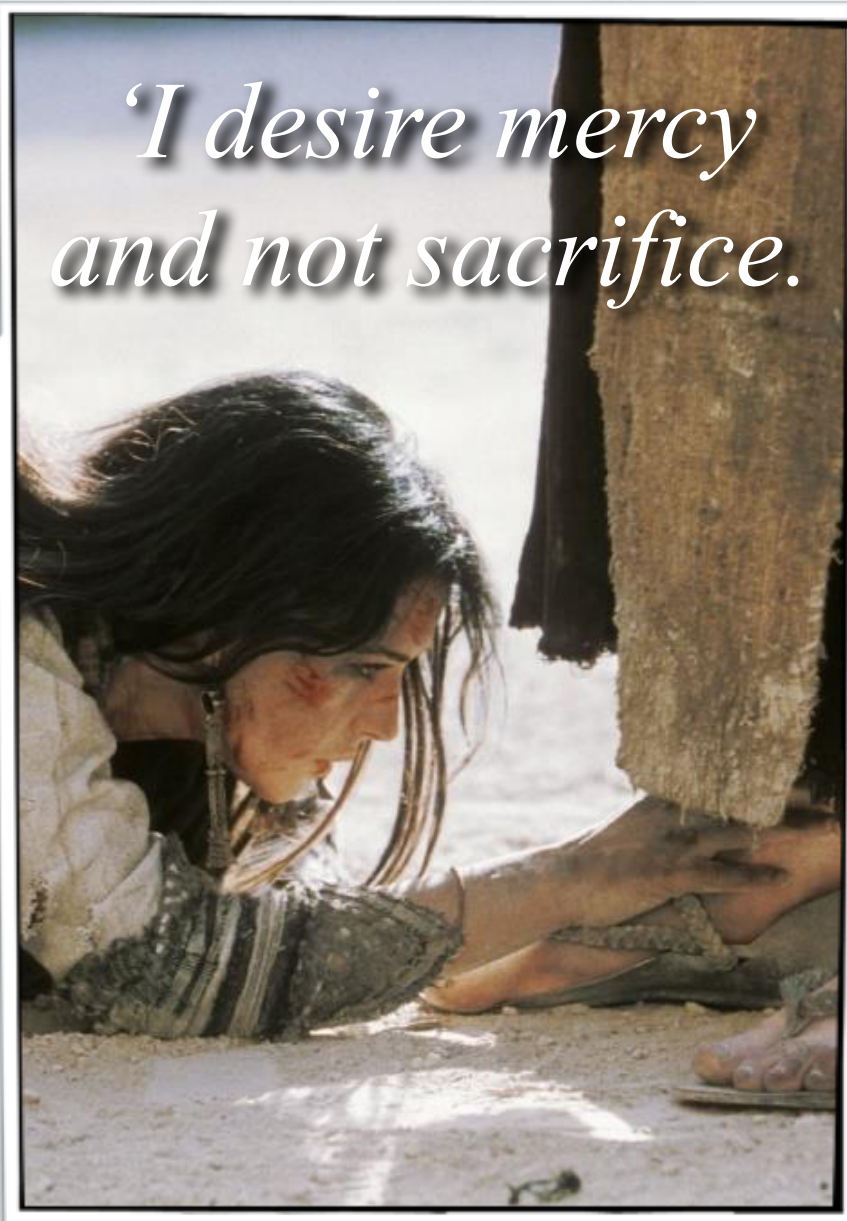
1. *eleos* (ἔλεος, 1656) “is the outward manifestation of pity; it assumes need on the part of him who receives it, and resources adequate to meet the need on the part of him who shows it. ...
2. *oiktirmos* (οἰκτιρμός, 3628), “pity, compassion for the ills of others,”

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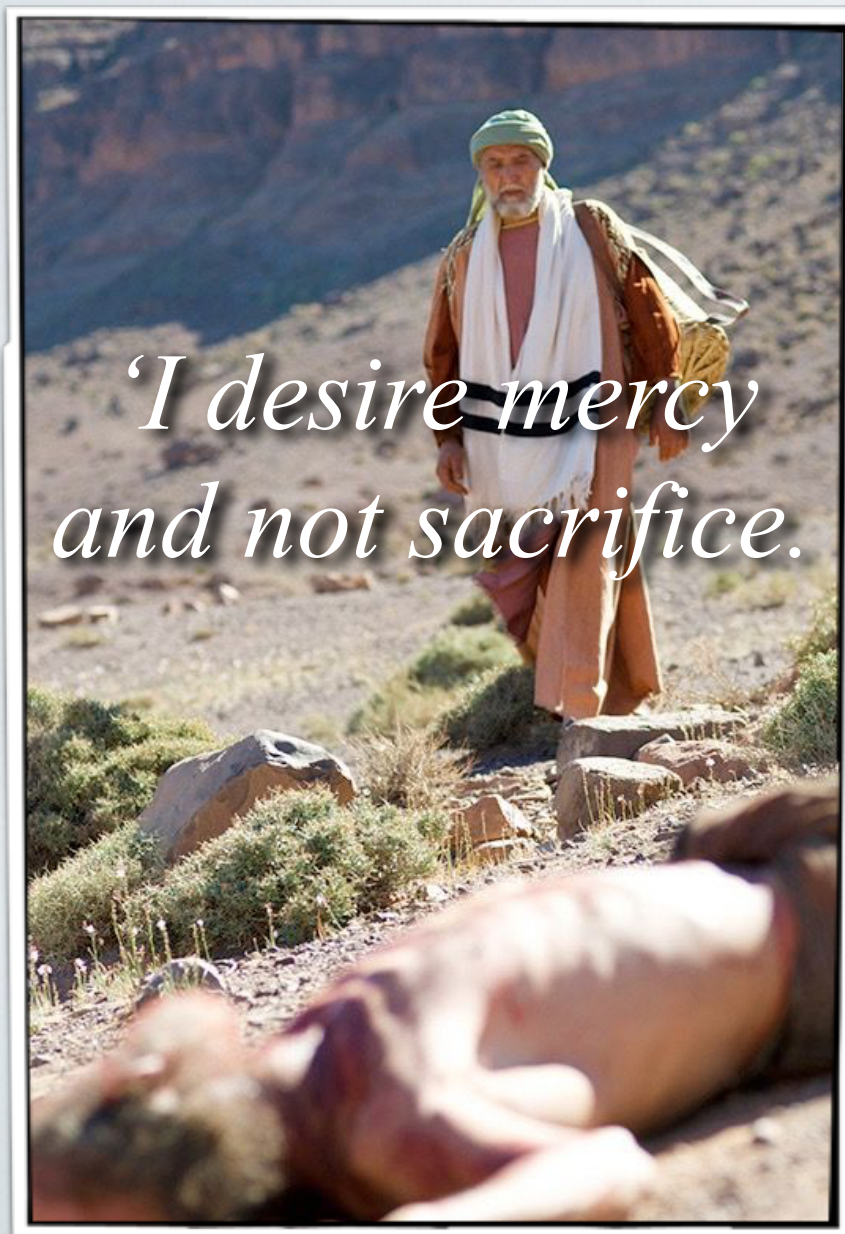


- ◆ To NOT punish according to what one deserves — leniency, (as some contrast with GRACE).
- ◆ Mercy is showing compassion by taking action to relieve those who are in need (e.g., Luke 10:30-37).

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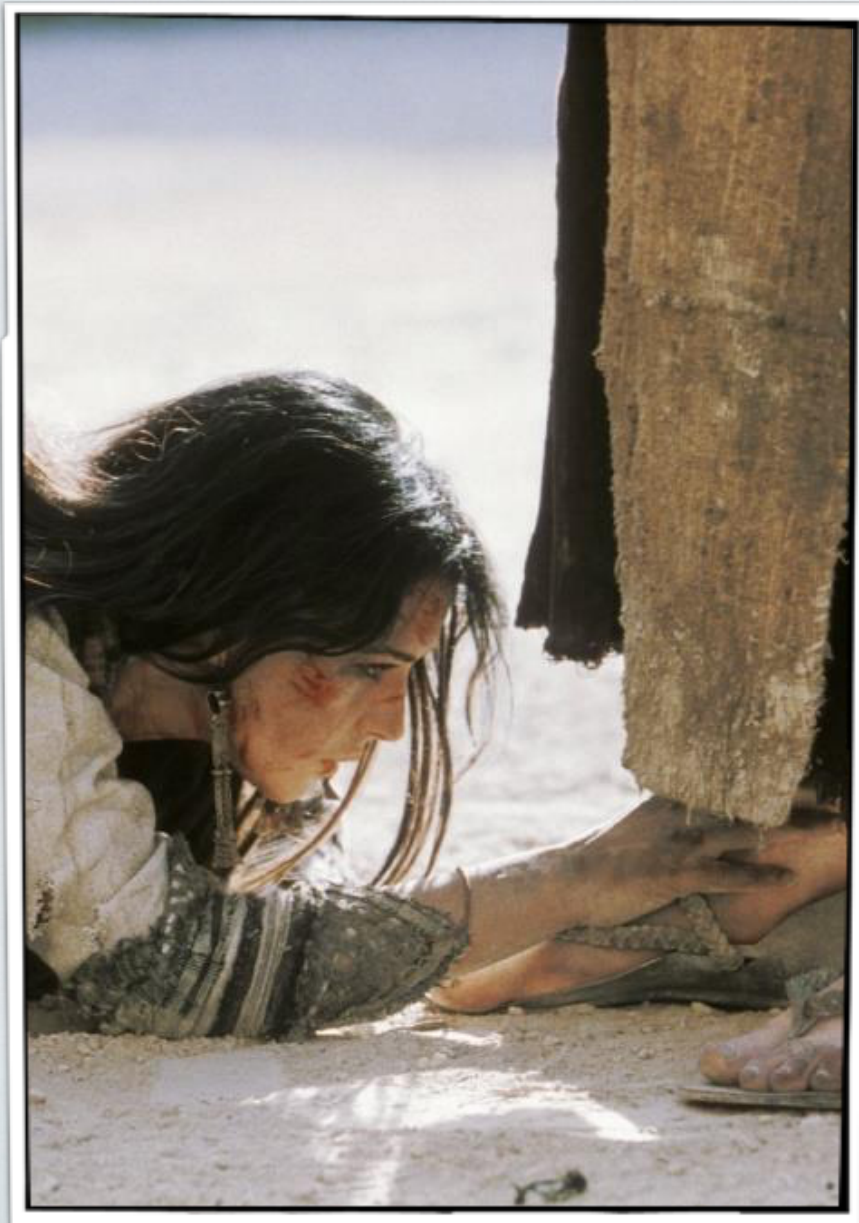
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- ◆ Compassionate action toward the suffering, EVEN when suffering from the consequences of their sin (e.g., Lk 10:25–37; Eph. 2:1–5).
- ◆ Pity & compassion acting in the best interest of another – even though not deserved! (Titus 3:5; Luke 6:35–36)

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- ◆ Mercy is demonstrated by forgiving those who have committed sin against us / not keeping score. (Mat. 18:21-35; Luke 17:3,4)
- ◆ Those who fail to show mercy are often proud, prejudiced, biased, or partial in their judgment of others. (Lk 6:37-38)

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- ◆ To Be UNMERCIFUL Is To Bring Condemnation Upon OURSELVES ...
 - If we condemn others while we ourselves harboring sin in our hearts - we are no better than those we condemn! (Mat. 7:1-6; Ja 2:10-12; John 8:1-11)
 - If we are unmerciful in our dealings with others - we will not receive mercy from God! (James 2:13; Mat. 5:7; 6:14, 15; 18:35).

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“JESUS came to save sinners from their sin”



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- ❖ JESUS came to seek and save the lost (Luke 19:10)
- ❖ JESUS provided the sacrifice necessary so our sins can be forgiven (Rom. 5:6,8-10; Rev. 5:9)
- ❖ JESUS turns people away from their sins (9:13; Luke 5:32; Acts 3:26; 1 Jno. 1:5-10; 3:5, 8,9)

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Acts 2:38 (NKJV)

³⁸ Then Peter said to them, “Repent, and let every one of you be baptized in the name of Jesus Christ for the remission of sins; and you shall receive the gift of the Holy Spirit.

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If we will turn from our sins and by faith obey JESUS, God will forgive us of our sins and we will be saved (Mark 16:16; Heb. 5:8,9; 10:39; 2 Cor. 15:2;

Part of obeying Jesus is by being merciful - if we are truly His children, we will be loving, merciful & benevolent people – (Eph 4:32; 5:2; Col. 3:12-14; 1 John 4:7-20)

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1 Timothy 1:12–17 (NKJV)

¹² And I thank Christ Jesus our Lord who has enabled me, because He counted me faithful, putting *me* into the ministry, ¹³ although I was formerly a blasphemer, a persecutor, and an insolent man; but I obtained mercy because I did *it* ignorantly in unbelief. ¹⁴ And the grace of our Lord was exceedingly abundant, with faith and love which are in Christ Jesus. ¹⁵ This *is* a faithful saying and worthy of all acceptance, that Christ Jesus came into the world to save sinners, of whom I am chief. ¹⁶ However, for this reason I obtained mercy, that in me first Jesus Christ might show all longsuffering, as a pattern to those who are going to believe on Him for everlasting life. ¹⁷ Now to the King eternal, immortal, invisible, to God who alone is wise, *be* honor and glory forever and ever. Amen.