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Matthew 5:1-12 (Pg. 968)



Now when Jesus saw the crowds, he went up on a mountainside and sat down. His disciples came to him, and he began to teach them.

He said:

**“Blessed are the poor in spirit,
for theirs is the kingdom of heaven.**

**Blessed are those who mourn,
for they will be comforted.**



**Blessed are the meek,
for they will inherit the earth.**
**Blessed are those who hunger and thirst for
righteousness,
for they will be filled.**
**Blessed are the merciful,
for they will be shown mercy.**
**Blessed are the pure in heart,
for they will see God.**



**Blessed are the peacemakers,
for they will be called children of God.
Blessed are those who are persecuted because
of righteousness,
for theirs is the kingdom of heaven.**

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In the comparison between the Gospel of Luke's list of blessings and the Gospel of Matthew's we see some differences – Today we study a blessing unique to Matthew, raising an interesting question – why did Matthew feel the need to include this morning's blessing?



Matthew 5:7

**Blessed are the merciful,
for they will be shown mercy.**

Matthew 9:9-13

As Jesus went on from there, he saw a man named Matthew sitting at the tax collector's booth. "Follow me," he told him, and Matthew got up and followed him. While Jesus was having dinner at Matthew's house, many tax collectors and sinners came and ate with him and his disciples.



Matthew 9:9-13

When the Pharisees saw this, they asked his disciples, “Why does your teacher eat with tax collectors and sinners?” On hearing this, Jesus said, “It is not the healthy who need a doctor, but the sick. But go and learn what this means: ‘I desire mercy, not sacrifice*.’ For I have not come to call the righteous, but sinners.”

**Quote is from Hosea 6:6*

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Jesus says,

“Extending mercy makes you happy”

Matthew 5:7

Blessed (happy) are the merciful

Jesus is merciful





Matthew 9:27-30

As Jesus went on from there, two blind men followed him, calling out, “Have mercy on us, Son of David!” ...Then he touched their eyes and said, “According to your faith let it be done to you”; and their sight was restored.



Matthew 15:22-28

A Canaanite woman from that vicinity came to him, crying out, “Lord, Son of David, have mercy on me! My daughter is demon-possessed and suffering terribly.” ...Jesus said to her, “Woman, you have great faith! Your request is granted.” And her daughter was healed at that moment.



Matthew 17:14-18

When they came to the crowd, a man approached Jesus and knelt before him. “Lord, have mercy on my son,” he said. “He has seizures and is suffering greatly. He often falls into the fire or into the water... Jesus rebuked the demon, and it came out of the boy, and he was healed at that moment.”

Matthew 20:30-34



Two blind men were sitting by the roadside, and when they heard that Jesus was going by, they shouted, “Lord, Son of David, have mercy on us!” ... Jesus stopped and called them. “What do you want me to do for you?” he asked. “Lord,” they answered, “we want our sight.” Jesus had compassion on them and touched their eyes. Immediately they received their sight and followed him.

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**Jesus says,
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Mark 4:21

**Then He said to them, "Take heed what you
hear. With the same measure you use, it will be
measured to you." NKJV**



Matthew 6:12

**And forgive us our debts,
as we also have forgiven our debtors.**



Matthew 18:33

“Shouldn’t you have had mercy on your fellow servant just as I had on you?”

**Jesus says,
“Mercy and Justice are linked”**





Matthew 23:23-24

But you have neglected the more important matters of the law—justice, mercy and faithfulness. You should have practiced the latter, without neglecting the former.

A conceptual image showing a tree with green foliage and a dark trunk growing upside down from a grassy hill at the top of the frame. The background is a clear, light blue sky. The text is centered in the middle of the image.

“Mercy, detached from justice, grows unmerciful.”

-CS Lewis

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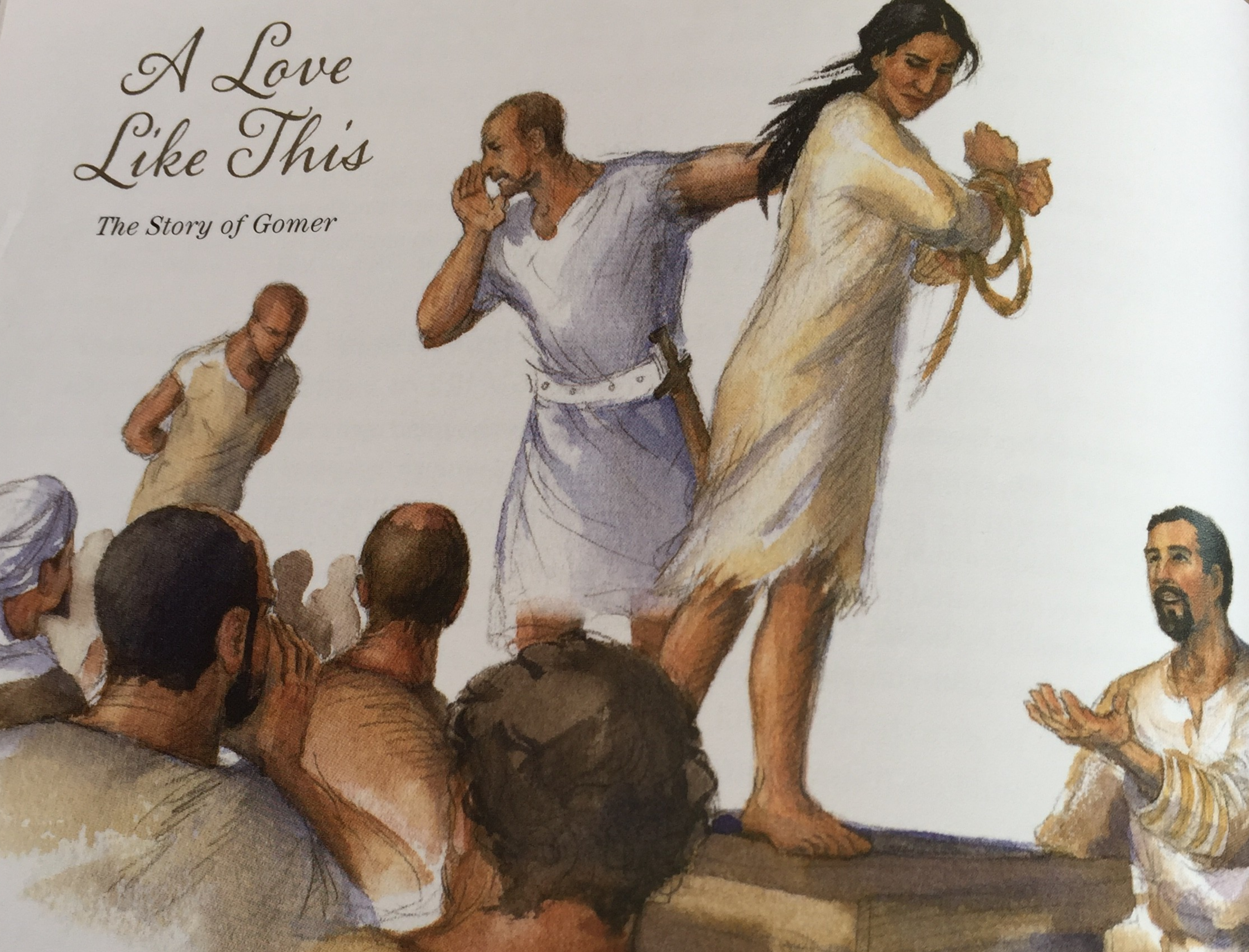
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A Love Like This

The Story of Gomer



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