

Section III, Part IX: Compassion

Summary: A compassionate man is one who sees the compassion flowing out of God's heart, and in love for His God and in fellowship with Him, produces the same. The compassion which Jesus has for us, is such that it provokes us to forgive, shepherd, teach, help, heal, and minister life. The compassion of God is one of the sweetest traits of our God: it is that which provokes Him to treat us as His own children, forgive us, and aid us in all situations; and that which provoked Him in part to enter into our suffering, that He might be to us a merciful and faithful High Priest.

- I. Compassion means, "a suffering with another; painful sympathy; a sensation of sorrow excited by the distress or misfortune of another; pity; commiseration. Compassion is a mixed passion, compounded of love and sorrow."
 - a. Pity means, "the feeling or suffering of one person, excited by the distress of another; sympathy with the grief or misery of another...compassion accompanied with some act of charity or benevolence, and not simply a fellow feeling of distress."
- II. Compassion is to have tender and sympathetic feelings toward another because of their distress or current situation.
 - a. **The LORD is full of compassion. It is natural for Him to be so affected by our conditions as to act kindly towards us, as to be disposed to forgive and/or help.**
 - i. Psalms 145:8 – *compassionate/merciful*
 - 1. Merciful means, "having or exercising mercy; compassionate; tender; disposed to pity offenders and to forgive their offenses; unwilling to punish for injuries; applied appropriately to the Supreme being."
 - 2. Psalms 103:13-14 – *The LORD is compassionate toward us as His own children*
 - a. F.f., Luke 15:20 – *The LORD's heart toward those who are repentant is mercy/compassion*
 - ii. Psalms 86:12-15 – *Settle the mind upon God's compassions regardless of what others are/are doing*
 - iii. Exodus 3:7-8, Psalms 22:24 – *The LORD sees our pains and acts to help us*



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iv. F.f., Matthew 18:27 – *The LORD has forgiven us a great debt, and we ought to do the same towards others*

1. One talent = 75-100 lbs. 16 oz per lb.

2. $10,000 * 75 * 16 = 12,000,000$ oz

3. Gold price per ounce * 12,000,000 = \$\$\$

a. @ 5/25/24, \$28,010,400,000.00

i. To pay this debt off, making 50k a year (with weekends off), would take 560,208 years

4. A hundred denarius (a days' wage) = ~\$12,000 @ \$15/hr wage [$15 * 100\text{days} * 8\text{hr}$]

b. **Jesus willingly bore all our hardships so that He might be compassionate toward us/sympathize.**

i. Hebrews 4:15 – *Jesus felt all that we feel, and yet without sin*

1. Sympathize means, “to have a common feeling, as of bodily pleasure or pain....To feel in consequence of what another feels; to be affected by feelings similar to those of another, in consequence of knowing the person to be thus affected.”

2. Isaiah 63:9

ii. Hebrews 4:15 – *Jesus was in each and every way given over to temptation/trying/testing – open-game for satan*

1. This shows us Jesus' great desire to be compassionate, to be sympathetic. Many people like the sound of compassion only, but Jesus was willing to suffer that He might truly be compassionate.

2. Hebrews 2:10, 17-18

3. 2 Corinthians 1:3-5 – *The same principle for us, applied to Jesus as well*

c. **Jesus was full of compassion, moved with compassion, and it resulted in...**

i. **Laboring among the people to bring them to salvation, to shepherd them**

1. Matthew 9:35-38

2. Psalms 23:1-3

ii. **To heal and to teach**

1. F.f., Matthew 14:14, Mark 6:34 – *Feeding the five thousand*

2. **And to heal and give sight**

- a. Matthew 20:29-34
- b. Mark 10:46-52 – *Jesus' has compassion on and cares for those whom most people ignore*
- c. **Leprosy**
 - i. Mark 1:40-42 – *Jesus touches those that others are not willing to, the sinner, the outcast*
 - 1. C.f., F.f., Luke 10:33-34 – *Inconvenience self to help others, as Jesus did for us*
- iii. **To provide for**
 - 1. F.f., Matthew 15:32, Mark 8:2 – *For those who have tarried with Him three days*
- iv. **To help those who are sorrowful, to give life**
 - 1. Luke 7:12-15

Section III Part IX, Questions

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1. How does God show us compassion?
 - a. And, because of God's compassion, we should do what?
2. Compassion provokes what action(s)?
3. Why is compassion an important trait of God? Of men?

