THE COMPASSION OF JESUS
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INTRODUCTION
1. Matt. 9: 36 – 38:
   (1) In this text we see the sympathies of Jesus are deeply moved by the sight of the great multitude, hungry for the bread of life.
   (2) The meaning of “compassion” here is – “To be moved as to one’s inwards, to be moved with compassion.
   (3) All that was within Him was stirred by the sight which he beheld.
   (4) He was full of emotion, and showed it in His whole person.
2. Jesus, our High Priest today, can “be touched with the feeling of our infirmities” – Heb. 4:15.
3. Our Lord was a man of compassion who has taught us to have compassion.
   (1) “Bowels of Mercies” – Col. 3:12.
   (2) “Bowels of Compassion” on a brother in need – I John 3:17.
   (3) “Bowels of Mercies” – Phil. 2:1.
   (4) “Weep with them that weep” – Rom. 12:15.
   (5) “Having compassion one of another” – I Pet. 3:8.
   (6) Rom. 12:8 (mercy).
4. Our God is a God of compassion or pity – “So the Lord pitieth them that fear him” – Psa. 103: 13.
5. To have compassion is to suffer with another; it is pity touched with loving concern.

I. THE COMPASSION OF CHRIST IS SEEN IN THE GREAT TRANSACTIONS OF HIS LIFE.
1. The New Covenant he sealed with his blood is full of compassion to men.
   (1) In this New Covenant He has provided for man’s forgiveness of sins – Jer. 31:31 – 34.
      1. When man believes, repents, confesses Christ, and is baptized – Acts 2:38.
      2. He remembers their sins no more – Heb. 10:17.
   (2) When a child of God sins, He has provided for his forgiveness – I John 1: 8 – 9; James 5:16; Acts 8:22.
   (3) He is not willing that any should perish – 2 Pet. 3:9.
   (4) He would have all men to be saved – I Tim. 2:4.
   (5) He is with us in temptation and makes a way to escape – I Cor. 10:13; 2 Pet. 2:9.
   (6) In time of trouble He wants us to cast our care upon Him – I Pet. 5:7; Heb. 4: 14 – 16; Acts 17:27.
   (7) To His faithful children He causes all things to work together for good – Rom. 8:28.
2. His incarnation shows His great compassion – John 1:14; Gal. 4:4; Phil. 2: 6 – 8.
3. His death on the cross shows His compassion – Isa. 53: 12; 53: 4 – 6.
   (2) He died in our stead – I Pet. 3: 18; Heb. 9:26.
4. His continual intercession for us shows his compassion:
   (1) Heb. 4:14 – 16; I John 2:1 – 2.

II. EXAMPLES RECORDED IN THE GOSPELS OF HIS COMPASSION
1. Jesus had COMPASSION on the multitudes that had been with Him three days and had nothing
to eat, and He fed them – Matt. 15: 32 – 38.
3. Jesus had COMPASSION on two blind men and He healed their eyes – Matt. 20: 30 – 34.
4. Jesus had COMPASSION on a leper and made him clean – Mark 1: 40 – 41.
5. Jesus had COMPASSION on the man possessed with many demons and cast them out – Mark 5: 18 – 19.

III. THE COMPASSION OF JESUS IS SEEN IN HIS PROVIDING FOR OUR EVERY NEED.
1. The Bible for our guidance – Jer. 10:23.
2. The Church to fulfill our spiritual needs – Eph. 1: 22 – 23.
   (1) Christ has provided immediate strength and encouragement to us when we become Christians in the church – Eph. 4:16; 4: 11 – 12.
3. God’s Providence to provide our physical needs – Matt. 6: 24 – 34.
4. Prayer that we might talk to God – Matt. 6:11; I Tim. 2:1 – 2; I John 1:9; James 5:16; Luke 18:1; Matt. 26: 41; I John 5:16

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