



## SAVED TO SERVE

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**UK BANS SUNDAY SHOPPING. FBI TO PROSECUTE "CLIMATE CHANGE DENIERS." POPE, HITLER, TRUMP CONNECTION**

**1a. Note: The layout of the sanctuary with its ceremonies and services show us the plan of salvation. See Psalm 77:13.**

**1b.** "Throughout the Beatitudes there is an advancing line of Christian experience." {MB 13.2}

**1c. Therefore, the Beatitudes of Matthew chapter five are connected to the sanctuary message.**

**1d.** Let us read Matthew 5:1-7.

**1e.** If we want to advance in the Christian experience, we must take the fifth step.

**2.** Upon whom does Jesus pronounce a blessing? Matthew 5:7 \_\_\_\_\_

**3. Note:** The first four beatitudes primarily deal with our relationship with Jesus. While this fifth beatitude (Matthew 5:7) deals with our relationship with others.

**4. Note:** Let us meditate upon the layout of the sanctuary: the outer court, the Holy Place, and the Most Holy Place. The first four beatitudes show us experiences that we must have in the outer court and in the Holy Place. Firstly, "Blessed are the poor in spirit." We must realize that we lack spirituality. So we must come to Jesus by the conviction of the Holy Spirit. We are at that moment in the outer court. Secondly, "Blessed are they that mourn." We realize that our sins crucify Jesus as see the slain lamb and the lamb consumed on the altar of sacrifice, which typifies Jesus' death on Calvary's cross. We receive godly sorrow for sin. Thirdly, "Blessed are the meek." We begin to live humbly in God's sight. We begin to manifest self-control during temptations and crises. Fourthly, "Blessed are they that do hunger and thirst after righteousness." This beatitude brings us into the Holy Place and we partake of the 12 loaves of bread. Fifthly, "Blessed are the merciful: for they shall obtain mercy." This beatitude brings us into the Most Holy Place to view the mercy seat and to understand the ministry that is connected to it.

**5a.** Where was the mercy seat placed? Exodus 26:34 \_\_\_\_\_

**5b.** The Lord's mercy is connected to not only the forgiving and covering of sins, but the blotting out of confessed sins. See Psalm 51:1

**6a. Note:** The ministry connected to the mercy seat took place on the Day of Atonement when the sins of the repentant people were blotted out from the sanctuary and the Lord declared them clean and holy. See Leviticus 16:15,16.

**6b. Note:** Jesus blotting out confessed sins and the close of human probation are about to take place, since the counterfeit message of mercy from Pope Francis is being promulgated. The Lord's messenger says that the counterfeit revival will precede the genuine.

**6c.** "Pope Francis stresses that the Year of Mercy is worldwide" <http://www.cruxnow.com/church/2015/12/17/pope-francis-stresses-that-the-year-of-mercy-is-worldwide/>

"Before the final visitation of God's judgments upon the earth there will be among the people of the Lord such a revival of primitive godliness as has not been witnessed since apostolic times. The Spirit and power of God will be poured out upon His children. At that time many will separate themselves from those churches in which the love of this world has supplanted love for God and His word. Many, both of ministers and people, will gladly accept those great truths which God has caused to be proclaimed at this time to prepare a people for the Lord's second coming. **The enemy of souls desires to hinder this work; and before the time for such a movement shall come, he will endeavor to prevent it by introducing a counterfeit.** In those churches which he can bring under his deceptive power he will make it appear that God's special blessing is poured out; there will be manifest what is thought to be great religious interest. Multitudes will exult that God is working marvelously for them, when the work is that of another spirit. Under a religious guise, Satan will seek to extend his influence over the Christian world." {GC 464.1}

**7. Note:** We are presently living in the antitypical Day of Atonement since October 22, 1844. Therefore, if we want to receive God's mercy, if we want our sins to be blotted out, we must be merciful to others.

**8. Note:** Naturally, we are not merciful. Mercy is one of the traits of God's character. See Exodus 34:6.

**9. Note:** This fifth beatitude (Matthew 5:7) is a call for us to receive the character of Jesus, being merciful and forgiving.

**10.** What did Moses ask God that we also should ask for? Exodus 33:18 \_\_\_\_\_

**11.** What will happen as we behold God's glory, His mercy towards us? 2 Corinthians 3:18 \_\_\_\_\_

**12.** When we look at Jesus' character, to whom is He merciful? Matthew 9:13 \_\_\_\_\_

**13. Note:** Jesus is merciful to those who have broken His law and His heart and afterwards confess and surrender their lives to Him. To confirm this point, consider the fact that the blood of the sin offering was sprinkled on the mercy seat to make an atonement. And the mercy seat sat above the Law. See Exodus 26:34. The blood was sprinkled seven times on the mercy seat, signaling complete forgiveness for the repentant person. See Leviticus 16:14-19.

**14.** To whom should we show mercy? Luke 6:34-37 \_\_\_\_\_

**15a. Note:** If our enemies confess their faults, we should show mercy and forgive. If they don't confess their faults, we must make sure that our hearts are still clean towards them. Meditate upon the following. Luke 23:34.

"While the soldiers were doing their fearful work, Jesus prayed for His enemies, "Father, forgive them; for they know not what they do." His mind passed from His own suffering to the sin of His persecutors, and the terrible retribution that would be theirs. No curses were called down upon the soldiers who were handling Him so roughly. No vengeance was invoked upon the priests and rulers, who were gloating over the accomplishment of their purpose. Christ pitied them in their ignorance and guilt. He breathed only a plea for their forgiveness,—"for they know not what they do." {DA 744.2}

15b. Had they known that they were putting to torture One who had come to save the sinful race from eternal ruin, they would have been seized with remorse and horror. But their ignorance did not remove their guilt; for it was their privilege to know and accept Jesus as their Saviour. Some of them would yet see their sin, and repent, and be converted. Some by their impenitence would make it an impossibility for the prayer of Christ to be answered for them. Yet, just the same, God's purpose was reaching its fulfillment. Jesus was earning the right to become the advocate of men in the Father's presence. {DA 744.3}

16. Note: We are to be merciful to others because Jesus is merciful to us; hence our sins to be blotted out. See Psalm 51:1

17. The following is another way for us to show others mercy. In a practical sense, how did the Samaritan show mercy to the man that was wounded by the thieves? Luke 10:29-37

18. This fifth beatitude (Matthew 5:7) brings us back to the second commandment. To whom will Jesus show mercy and blot out their sins? Exodus 20:4-6

19. Those who refuse to bow and worship the image, but keep God's commandments will receive God's mercy, have their sins blotted out.

20. Note: The following is the prophetic scripture that shows God's people will be forced to worship the image of the beast or be killed. See Revelation 13:15-17.

21. The following current events show that the mark of the beast and the compulsion to worship the image of the beast is near.

22a. Note: The Lord's messenger states that the Sunday Law will be enforced under the guise of combating calamities, caring for families and the poor, and returning to temporal and financial prosperity.

**It will be declared that men are offending God by the violation of the Sunday sabbath; that this sin has brought calamities which will not cease until Sunday observance shall be strictly enforced; and that those who present the claims of the fourth commandment, thus destroying reverence for Sunday, are troublers of the people, preventing their restoration to divine favor and temporal prosperity.** {GC 590.1}

22b. Note: The following is a fulfillment of the above quotation:

**“United Kingdom (Kind of) Keeps the Fourth Commandment Sunday shopping laws protect “the common leisure time essential for family life and shared social activities.” British evangelicals are praising the UK’s decision to preserve limits on Sunday shopping. The House of Commons voted that large stores in England and Wales can only be open a maximum of six continuous hours between 10 a.m. and 6 p.m. The stores must also close on Easter and Christmas. “Most fundamentally, however, we are concerned that the further deregulation of Sunday trading laws is likely to disrupt the rhythms of community life that are so integral to the common good,” they wrote. “I hear so many MPs say, ‘I want to keep my Sunday special. Why should shop workers be any different?’ said MP Edward Leigh. He noted, “Frankly, even God took a rest on the seventh day.” <http://www.christianitytoday.com/gleanings/2016/march/united-kingdom-keeps-fourth-commandment-sunday-shopping.html> <http://www.catholicsun.org/2012/06/06/sundays-must-be-a-day-of-rest-dedicated-to-god-family-pope-says/>**

22c. **Second Sunday will be ‘rest day’ for TV industry** <http://timesofindia.indiatimes.com/tv/news/hindi/Second-Sunday-will-be-rest-day-for-TV-industry/articleshow/51311157.cms?from=mdr>

23a. Note: The chief leaders of the United States and Canada met and vowed to lead the world to combat climate change.

**“US and Canada promise to lead world to low-carbon economy...Countries previously seen as climate change villains present shared vision on cutting emissions as Justin Trudeau meets Barack Obama at White House.”** <http://www.theguardian.com/environment/2016/mar/10/us-canada-promise-lead-world-low-carbon-economy-obama-trudeau>

23b. Note: Pope Francis made it clear that the primary action to combat Climate Change is an enforced Sunday Law in the nations.

237. **On Sunday, our participation in the Eucharist has special importance. Sunday, like the Jewish Sabbath, is meant to be a day which heals our relationships with God, with ourselves, with others and with the world...The law of weekly rest forbade work on the seventh day...(Ex 23:12). Rest opens our eyes to the larger picture and gives us renewed sensitivity to the rights of others. And so the day of rest [Sunday], centred on the Eucharist, sheds its light on the whole week, and motivates us to greater concern for nature and the poor.** [http://w2.vatican.va/content/francesco/en/encyclicals/documents/papa-francesco\\_20150524\\_enciclica-laudato-si.html](http://w2.vatican.va/content/francesco/en/encyclicals/documents/papa-francesco_20150524_enciclica-laudato-si.html)

23c. **US Attorney General: We’ve ‘Discussed’ Prosecuting Climate Change Deniers** <http://www.breitbart.com/big-government/2016/03/10/us-attorney-general-we-may-prosecute-climate-change-deniers/>

U.S. Attorney General Loretta Lynch **to** the Senate Judiciary Committee on Wednesday that not only has she discussed internally the possibility of pursuing civil actions against so-called “climate change deniers,” but she has “referred it to the FBI to consider whether or not it meets the criteria for which we could take action.”

<http://www.cnsnews.com/commentary/hans-von-spakovsky/attorney-general-lynch-looks-prosecuting-climate-change-deniers>

23d. Note: A similar statement was made by Pope Francis: “Why no Catholic is exempt from caring about the environment”

<http://www.catholicnewsagency.com/news/why-no-catholic-is-exempt-from-caring-about-the-environment-17020/>

**“Pope says environmental sinners will face God’s judgment for world hunger”** <http://www.theguardian.com/world/2015/may/12/pope-environmental-sinners-will-face-god-judgment>

23e. Note: The following quotation puts the above statement from Pope Francis into context:

**“The doctrine that God has committed to the church the right to control the conscience, and to define and punish heresy, is one of the most deeply rooted of papal errors.”** {GC 292.3}

24a. Note: This week prominent politicians, leaders of society, and the media made comparisons between Donald Trump and Adolf Hitler.

“Trump asks backers to swear their support, vows to broaden torture laws” <http://www.cnn.com/2016/03/05/politics/donald-trump-florida-pledge-torture/>

“This Donald Trump Rally Looks Like A Scene From Nazi Germany” [http://www.huffingtonpost.com/entry/donald-trump-right-hand-salute\\_us\\_56db50d8e4b03a405678e27a](http://www.huffingtonpost.com/entry/donald-trump-right-hand-salute_us_56db50d8e4b03a405678e27a)

“Another Hitler? How world leaders see Donald Trump” <http://www.usatoday.com/story/news/world/2016/03/08/donald-trump-world-leaders-republican-gop/81312520/>

“Donald Trump's ex-wife once said Trump kept a book of Hitler's speeches by his bed” <http://www.businessinsider.com/donald-trumps-ex-wife-once-said-he-kept-a-book-of-hitlers-speeches-by-his-bed-2015-8>

“Ben Carson Endorses Donald Trump, Praises His 'Guts' And 'Energy'” <http://www.nbcnews.com/politics/2016-election/ben-carson-endorses-donald-trump-n536601>

24b. Note: While people and the media are raising the alarm that Donald Trump, like Adolf Hitler, is compelling the masses to vote for him and vow to give him their allegiance, the real focus should be on the return of the Papacy to world dominance. The whole world will wander after the beast (the Papacy) and worship the Papacy and persecution will return for God's commandment-keeping people. See Revelation 13:3,4,12,15-17.

24c. Note: The following shows the great influence of the Papacy.

“Want to Know Who Will Win the Presidency? Ask the Pope.....If Trump is serious about becoming President Trump, it may behoove him to show a bit more reverence to the man in white. After all...The candidate who wins the Catholic vote has also won the popular vote in every election since 1972.” <http://news.yahoo.com/want-know-win-presidency-ask-000000084.html>

25. Since the mark of the beast and the worship of the image of the beast is near, what should be our experience in order to receive God's mercy and have our sins blotted out? Acts 3:19,20 \_\_\_\_\_

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27. What should be our experience in order to receive God's mercy and have our sins blotted out? Luke 18:13,14 \_\_\_\_\_

28. Describe the account of the two blind men, who encountered Jesus. Matthew 9:27-29 \_\_\_\_\_

29. Describe the account of the Canaanite woman who encountered Jesus. Matthew 15:22-28 \_\_\_\_\_

30. Describe the account of the father who brought his son to Jesus. Matthew 17:14-18 \_\_\_\_\_

31. What does Jesus say to us? Hebrews 4:14-16 \_\_\_\_\_

32. Where did the Lord tell Moses to meet Him and what would be the result? Exodus 25:22 \_\_\_\_\_

33. What is God's promise to us? Lamentation 3:18-27 \_\_\_\_\_