

Compassion for the Outsiders

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I. Introduction.

- A. Text: Matthew 15:29-39.
- B. Jesus felt physical pain for the needs of the people.
- C. Moreover, He sought to deliver people from those needs.
- D. God is compassionate, so we should not be surprised that Jesus is compassionate. (II Kings 13, II Chronicles 36, Romans 9:15, Matthew 9:36)

II. Jesus was in Gentile area where great multitudes came. The Gentiles were astonished at His works. (Matthew 4, Mark 7:37)

III. Jesus showed compassion for spiritual needs, physical needs, and even their need for food. The disciples recognized that they did not have resources to feed the multitudes.

IV. Lessons.

- A. It is God alone that can create. Jesus' ability to create emphasized His deity. (Romans 4)
- B. The modern healer cannot heal at will. They fail to meet God's standard.
- C. The goal of all ministry is worship. (II Corinthians 4:15, John 4)
- D. When we are right with the Lord, we depend on the Lord's resources.
- E. We can give greatly when it is not from our resources. (Luke 6:38)
- F. If God creates, we deliver. The servant is useful.
- G. God gives liberally.
- H. We are to make a spiritual investment with what we have.
- I. Christ had compassion.

Application questions:

1. How should the believer understand the relationship between his work and God's work in the world?

2. What does the speaker mean when he says the goal of all ministry is worship? Explain.

3. How can a person grow in his compassion for others?
