The Pitiable and the Pitiful

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INTRODUCTION

- Behold, we count them happy which endure. Ye have heard of the patience Job and have seen the end of the Lord. That the Lord is very pitiful and of tender mercy.
- The Lord is pitiful, means he is full of pity.
- Pitiable is one who is deserving or arousing pity. That's us.

1 We Are Pitiable

Genesis 6:5–6; Luke 13:34–35; Mark 16:16

- Number one is we are pitiable. I wanted to remind us of our pitiable condition, of who we truly are.
- And the Lord was sorry that he had made man on the earth, and he was grieved in his heart.
- How does God describe our condition in sin? We are described as being dead.
- He who believes and is baptized will be saved, but he who does not believe will be condemned.
- Lost is a pitiable condition. Condemned and dead. That's how God sees us.
- There's no motive for salvation until there's an awareness of being lost and condemned and dead.

2 The Lord Is Pitiful, Full of Pity

Luke 15; 1 Peter 1:3–4; Romans 3:23–26

- But thanks be to God, that the old King James version says the Lord is pitiful. That is, he's full of pity and compassion.
- We could refer to that Father as the prodigal father, couldn't we? Because when it came to grace and mercy, he was extravagant in his expense of it.
- Who, according to his abundant mercy, has begotten us again to a living hope through the resurrection of Jesus Christ from the dead.
- Mercy is this idea of pity put into action.
- That he might be the just and the justifier of the one who has faith in Christ Jesus.
- To maintain his character of justice and of pity. Jesus Christ is what he could do.

THE CHALLENGE

Will you come to your Father this morning? Will you believe, repent, confess, be baptized for the remission of your sins? Do you recognize your pitiable condition outside of Christ?

MY NOTES