

## Social Workers One and All

Exodus 22: 21-23, 27b

### I. The Lord loves \_\_\_\_\_

*"The Lord, the Lord, a God merciful and gracious"* [Exodus 34:6]

*"If you help the poor, you are \_\_\_\_\_ to the Lord"* [Proverbs 17:19a]

A. The ubiquitous triad of mercy: "widows, \_\_\_\_\_, foreigners"

B. Job

A picture of how a righteous man lives – of the \_\_\_\_\_ made inevitable by a true encounter with God

C. Mercy is \_\_\_\_\_ in the person and work of Jesus

At the outset of His ministry our Lord gives us His mission statement [Luke 4]

1. Consider mercy in Jesus' life

We do well to keep our eyes fastened on Him

Jesus is the Greater \_\_\_\_\_: *"He has \_\_\_\_\_ His gifts to the poor"*

[Second Corinthians 9:9/Psalm 112:9]

2. Consider the mercy in Jesus' death

The only righteous person died as He lived: the \_\_\_\_\_ of sinners!

Those saved by grace see the poor when they look in a \_\_\_\_\_!

### II. The \_\_\_\_\_ of the Gospel

*"You shall not wrong a sojourner or oppress him, for you were sojourners in the land of Egypt."*

[Exodus 22:21]

Mercy continues to be Jesus' mark as we live out his life together in this world

Wherever mercy is liberally scattered there is a \_\_\_\_\_ resemblance

We are His body--He is our Lord – He shapes our \_\_\_\_\_

Social work is a profession for some--a calling for all – an \_\_\_\_\_

### III. How do we then live?

A. Begin to \_\_\_\_\_ at our spots

B. \_\_\_\_\_

1. Pray that you will \_\_\_\_\_ mercy

2. Pray for a merciful \_\_\_\_\_

Vs. the cynicism and suspicion and prejudice that impedes mercy

3. Pray for \_\_\_\_\_

Where does local need, our passions and abilities, and opportunity intersect?

Winsome \_\_\_\_\_ with our neighbors is essential to empathy

We have an opportunity to establish a more \_\_\_\_\_ presence in our spot

### IV. The upside down Kingdom

Fresh water flowing in the desert makes good things \_\_\_\_\_

*"God is able to make all grace abound to you, so that having all sufficiency in all things at all times, you may abound in every good work."* [Second Corinthians 9:9a]