

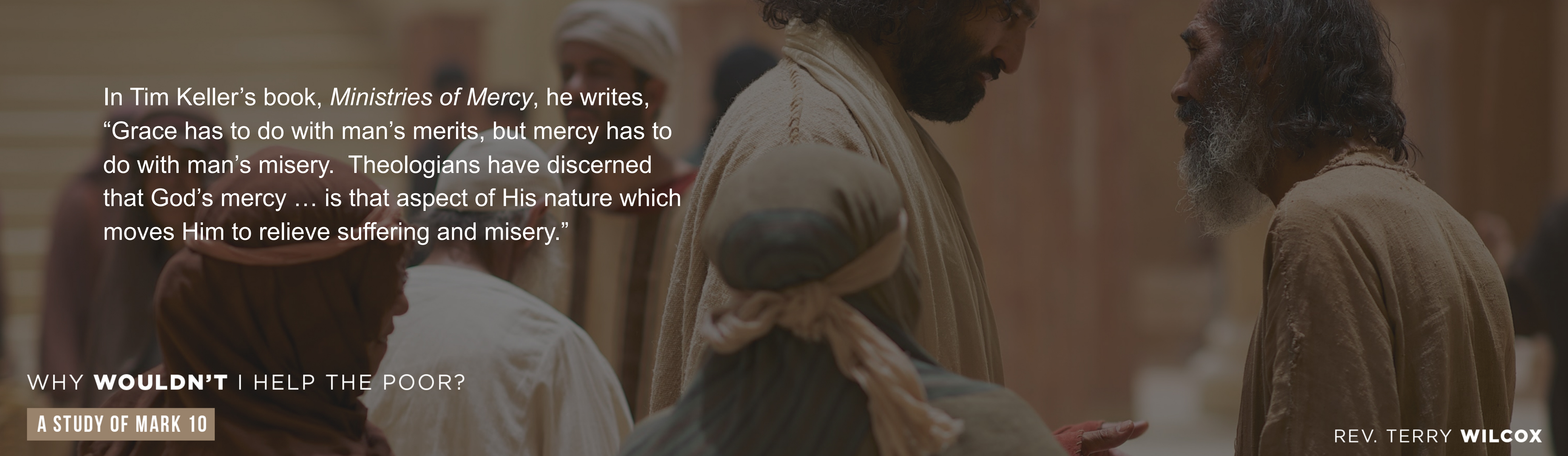


WHY **WOULDN'T** I HELP THE POOR?

A STUDY OF MARK 10

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In Tim Keller's book, *Ministries of Mercy*, he writes, "Grace has to do with man's merits, but mercy has to do with man's misery. Theologians have discerned that God's mercy ... is that aspect of His nature which moves Him to relieve suffering and misery."

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Context

“We are going up to Jerusalem,” he said, “and the Son of Man will be delivered over to the chief priests and the teachers of the law. They will condemn him to death and will hand him over to the Gentiles, who will mock him and spit on him, flog him and kill him. Three days later he will rise.” – Mark 10:33 & 34

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Time and Place

“‘We are going up to Jerusalem,’ he said, ‘and the Son of Man will be betrayed to the chief priests and teachers of the law. They will condemn him to death and will hand him over to the Gentiles,’” – Mark 10:33

“Then they came to Jericho. As Jesus and his disciples, together with a large crowd, were leaving the city, a blind man, Bartimaeus (that is, the Son of Timaeus), was sitting by the roadside begging.” – Mark 10:46

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The People: Jesus, Disciples

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A cinematic photograph showing Jesus on the right, looking towards Bartimaeus on the left. They are surrounded by a crowd of people in a dusty, outdoor setting. The lighting is soft and natural, highlighting the textures of their clothing and the intensity of their interaction.

Bartimaeus' Declaration and Action

“When he heard it was Jesus of Nazareth, he began to shout, ‘Jesus, Son of David, have mercy on me!’”

– Mark 10:47

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Why Are Some Poor?

- A. Proverbs 13:18; Proverbs 19:15
- B. Genesis 47; Acts 11; 2 Corinthians 8 & 9
- C. Jeremiah 21:12; Exodus 23:6; Leviticus 19:15

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Crowd's Reaction

“Many rebuked him and told him to be quiet, but he shouted all the more, ‘Son of David, have mercy on me!’” – Mark 10:48

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Jesus' Reaction

“Jesus stopped and said, ‘Call him.’ So they called to the blind man, ‘Cheer up! On your feet! He’s calling you,’” – Mark 10:49

Why did Jesus command others to call him?

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Bartimaeus' Request

- A.
- B.
- C.

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Why Wouldn't You?

“All they asked was that we should continue to remember the poor, the very thing I was eager to do.”
— Galatians 2:10

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