

Sermon on the Mount

“The Beatitudes”

First 2 Beatitudes – Matthew 5:1-4

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Sermon on the Mount – Introduction

- Most quoted section of the Bible (?)
- Also recorded in the gospel of Luke (Luke 6:17-49).
- It was addressed to the disciples.
- The passage in Luke indicates that He spent an entire night in prayer prior to His choosing the 12 apostles from His many disciples after which He healed many from the multitude of people after which “He lifted up His eyes toward His disciples, and said...” (Luke 6:20)

Sermon on the Mount – The Beatitudes

Matthew 5:1-12

- 1 And seeing the multitudes, He went up on a mountain, and when He was seated His disciples came to Him.
- 2 Then He opened His mouth and taught them, saying:
- 3 "Blessed are the poor in spirit, For theirs is the kingdom of heaven.
- 4 Blessed are those who mourn, For they shall be comforted.
- 5 Blessed are the meek, For they shall inherit the earth.
- 6 Blessed are those who hunger and thirst for righteousness, For they shall be filled.
- 7 Blessed are the merciful, For they shall obtain mercy.
- 8 Blessed are the pure in heart, For they shall see God.
- 9 Blessed are the peacemakers, For they shall be called sons of God.
- 10 Blessed are those who are persecuted for righteousness' sake, For theirs is the kingdom of heaven.
- 11 "Blessed are you when they revile and persecute you, and say all kinds of evil against you falsely for My sake.
- 12 Rejoice and be exceedingly glad, for great is your reward in heaven, for so they persecuted the prophets who were before you.

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“Blessed” (Happy)

- Happy, fortunate, blissful, a well-being that belongs only to the faithful, more than just a surface emotion
- World’s ideas of happiness is found in riches, merriment, abundance, life of leisure, etc.
- God’s idea of happiness is just the opposite. Listen to what Jesus says in these beatitudes!

Matthew 5:3 - Blessed *are* the poor in spirit

For theirs is the kingdom of heaven.

- Poor in Spirit
 - Not sorrow due to circumstances
 - This attitude is a deliberate choice and discipline
- The poor in spirit sense their spiritual need and realize that their needs are met only in the Lord
- What is “poor” (See Luke 16:19-25 for the physical example of where this word poor is used)
 - 19 "There was a certain rich man who was clothed in purple and fine linen and fared sumptuously every day.
 - 20 But there was a certain beggar named Lazarus, full of sores, who was laid at his gate,
 - 21 desiring to be fed with the crumbs which fell from the rich man's table. Moreover the dogs came and licked his sores.
 - 22 So it was that the beggar died, and was carried by the angels to Abraham's bosom. The rich man also died and was buried.
 - 23 And being in torments in Hades, he lifted up his eyes and saw Abraham afar off, and Lazarus in his bosom.
 - 24 "Then he cried and said, 'Father Abraham, have mercy on me, and send Lazarus that he may dip the tip of his finger in water and cool my tongue; for I am tormented in this flame.'
 - 25 But Abraham said, 'Son, remember that in your lifetime you received your good things, and likewise Lazarus evil things; but now he is comforted and you are tormented.'

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- Lazarus is poor!
- He has absolutely nothing.
- Jesus is saying that we are really happy when we are beggars in spirit.
- Real happiness is realizing that you are a spiritual beggar – out in the streets and spiritually having nothing.
 - Happy Is The Beggar!

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- If you are not saved, start begging!
- If you are saved, are you still begging?
 - If we are saved (Jesus' disciples), we are no longer living in the streets of sin. Our sins are forgiven.
 - But we often feel as though we have no needs.
 - Are you a needy disciple, a beggar in spirit, thankful, and yet sorry for your sins? Or, have you forgotten you are a forgiven beggar?
 - Are you poor in spirit? Then the kingdom of heaven is your future home!

Matthew 5:4 - Blessed *are* those who mourn, For they shall be comforted.

- **Those who mourn are blessed – Happy are the sad!!**
 - Not mourning because of unfavorable events usually beyond one's control
 - II Corinthians 7:10 For godly sorrow produces repentance *leading* to salvation, not to be regretted; but the sorrow of the world produces death.
- Jesus is talking about godly mourning over SIN.
- It is the sorrow which one experiences because of fellowship with the Lord Jesus.
 - John 11:35 Jesus wept.
- Jesus' true disciples never stop mourning over sin.
- These mourners shall be comforted in the coming day when “God shall wipe away every tear from their eyes” (Revelation 21:4)

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- **Conclusion**

- We need to see ourselves as Christians who are terminally ill people who are going to heaven.
- But while we are visiting this earth, we need to see ourselves as we really are – forgiven sinners who should be seeking to be holy.
- Are you like the Pharisees – happy with your relationship with God AND YOUR SIN?
- We need to be constantly coming to Jesus. COME and admit that you have a spiritual terminal disease – SIN.
 - I John 1:9 If we confess our sins, He is faithful and just to forgive us *our* sins and to cleanse us from all unrighteousness.
 - I Peter 1:16 because it is written, "BE HOLY, FOR I AM HOLY."