

# Sermon on the Mount

## “The Beatitudes”

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# 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.

## Sermon on the Mount – Introduction

- The Sermon on the Mount - quoted quite a bit, perhaps next to the Ten Commandments.
- It contains the Beatitudes, the Golden Rule, the Lord's Prayer, etc.
- Also recorded in the gospel of Luke (Luke 6:17-49).
- The Beatitudes (Matthew 5:1-12) appears to be full of paradoxes (seeming contradictions) but shows how opposite God's ways are to man's ways

Matthew 5:3 - Blessed *are* the poor in spirit, For theirs is the kingdom of heaven.  
Matthew 5:4 - Blessed *are* those who mourn, For they shall be comforted.

- **Poor in Spirit**

- 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?

- **Those who mourn are blessed - Happy are the sad!!**

- II Corinthians 7:10 For godly sorrow produces repentance *leading* to salvation, not to be regretted; but the sorrow of the world produces death.
  - John 11:35 Jesus wept.

# Matthew 5:5 - Blessed *are* the meek,

For they shall inherit the earth.

- Meekness implies acceptance of one's lowly position (somewhat related to humility).
- The meek do not *now* inherit the earth; rather they inherit abuse and dispossession.
  - But they *will* literally **inherit the earth** when Christ, the King, reigns for a thousand years in peace and prosperity.
- Greek word (*praus*) Jesus used means “gentle.”
  - The best sense of *praus* is illustrated by a “trained dog” or a tame lion that was once wild (strength under control)
  - This third beatitude could read, “Happy are those who lovingly defer or yield to others.”
- **Colossians 3:12** Therefore, as *the* elect of God, holy and beloved, put on tender mercies, kindness, humility, meekness, longsuffering;
- **Matthew 11:29** Take My yoke upon you and learn from Me, for I am gentle and lowly in heart, and you will find rest for your souls.

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- Matthew 21:4-5 <sup>4</sup>All this was done that it might be fulfilled which was spoken by the prophet, saying: <sup>5</sup>"TELL THE DAUGHTER OF ZION, 'BEHOLD, YOUR KING IS COMING TO YOU, LOWLY, AND SITTING ON A DONKEY, A COLT, THE FOAL OF A DONKEY.' "
- "...For they shall inherit the earth"
  - What a paradox, those who lovingly defer to others will someday inherit the earth.

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- Conclusion

- Are you tame?
- “Do you have an “I” problem?
- When Jesus gives you a command, do you warmly defer and obey Him?
- Would you willingly, lovingly share your possessions, food and honor in favor for others
- One who knows he/she is a spiritual beggar (poor in spirit) and mourns his/her sinful condition no longer seeks his/her own, but lovingly yields to love others.
- Blessed are the gentle...

Matthew 5:6 - Blessed *are* those who hunger and thirst for righteousness,  
For they shall be filled.

- Next, a blessing is pronounced on those who hunger and thirst for righteousness: they are promised satisfaction.
- John 4:14 but whoever drinks of the water that I shall give him will never thirst. But the water that I shall give him will become in him a fountain of water springing up into everlasting life.“
- Revelation 7:16 They shall neither hunger anymore nor thirst anymore; the sun shall not strike them, nor any heat;
- John 6:35 And Jesus said to them, "I am the bread of life. He who comes to Me shall never hunger, and he who believes in Me shall never thirst.
- Luke 1:53 He has filled *the* hungry with good things, And *the* rich He has sent away empty. (In Mary's Magnificat)
- Psalm 37:4 Delight yourself also in the LORD, And He shall give you the desires of your heart.

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- **Psalm 42**
- **To the Chief Musician. A Contemplation of the Sons of Korah.**
- 1 As the deer pants for the water brooks, So pants my soul for You, O God.
- 2 My soul thirsts for God, for the living God. When shall I come and appear before God?
- 3 My tears have been my food day and night, While they continually say to me, "Where *is* your God?"
- 4 When I remember these *things*, I pour out my soul within me. For I used to go with the multitude; I went with them to the house of God, With the voice of joy and praise, With a multitude that kept a pilgrim feast.
- 5 Why are you cast down, O my soul? And *why* are you disquieted within me? Hope in God, for I shall yet praise Him *For* the help of His countenance.
- 6 O my God, my soul is cast down within me; Therefore I will remember You from the land of the Jordan, And from the heights of Hermon, From the Hill Mizar.
- 7 Deep calls unto deep at the noise of Your waterfalls; All Your waves and billows have gone over me.
- 8 The LORD will command His lovingkindness in the daytime, And in the night His song *shall be* with me— A prayer to the God of my life.
- 9 I will say to God my Rock, "Why have You forgotten me? Why do I go mourning because of the oppression of the enemy?"
- 10 As with a breaking of my bones, My enemies reproach me, While they say to me all day long, "Where *is* your God?"
- 11 Why are you cast down, O my soul? And why are you disquieted within me? Hope in God; For I shall yet praise Him, The help of my countenance and my God.

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- Jesus used two Greek words they understood well. (Intense hunger (*peinao*) and thirst (*dispaso*))
- **Seeking Satisfaction can be expanded to things beyond just food and drink**
  - Money has become an all important pursuit.
    - Ecclesiastes 5:10 He who loves silver will not be satisfied with silver; Nor he who loves abundance, with increase. This also *is* vanity.
  - For others, work has become our god – our reason for living. We hunger and thirst for work.
    - Ecclesiastes 4:8 *There is one alone, without companion: He has neither son nor brother. Yet there is no end to all his labors, Nor is his eye satisfied with riches. But he never asks, "For whom do I toil and deprive myself of good?" This also is vanity and a grave misfortune.*
  - Wine and physical pleasures (Ecclesiastes)
    - Personal honor, status, recognition and praise, sexual desires, etc.

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- What are you seeking? In this beatitude, Jesus offers satisfaction. He is offering to meet YOUR real need . . .
- What kind of living water flow am I experiencing in my life?
  - If you are a Christian, you will at least have living water dripping from your faucet.
  - But do you have a flood of living water gushing out from the inside?”
- **Conclusion**
- Have you reworded Jesus’ beatitude to read something like this, “Happy are those constantly or continually hungering and thirsting after satisfaction, for they shall be satisfied.”?
- Are you busy seeking the wants of this physical world or the spiritual world (the Lord Jesus)?
  - Matthew 6:33 But seek first the kingdom of God and His righteousness, and all these things shall be added to you.
- Satisfaction comes in pursuing righteousness.
  - If you are not a Christian you need to start by asking God for living water.
  - If you are a Christian, Jesus says satisfaction comes when you fix all of your heart on being as holy as Jesus. He wants you to be “constantly, continually hungering and thirsting – craving – longing like a poor man or woman to be holy as He is.
- I Peter 1:16 ...BE HOLY, FOR I AM HOLY.

Matthew 5:7 - Blessed *are* the merciful,  
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- In our Lord's kingdom, **the merciful are blessed ... for they shall obtain mercy.**
  - To be **merciful** means to be actively compassionate.
  - In one sense it means to withhold punishment from offenders who deserve it (not getting the punishment they deserve).
  - In a wider sense it means to help others in need who cannot help themselves.
  - God showed mercy in sparing us from the judgment which our sins deserved and in demonstrating kindness to us through the saving work of Christ. We imitate God when we have compassion.

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- Examples of mercy in the New Testament
  - Matthew 9:27-29 *27 When Jesus departed from there, two blind men followed Him, crying out and saying, "Son of David, have mercy on us!" 28 And when He had come into the house, the blind men came to Him. And Jesus said to them, "Do you believe that I am able to do this?" They said to Him, "Yes, Lord." 29 Then He touched their eyes, saying, "According to your faith let it be to you."*
  - Matthew 15:22 *And behold, a woman of Canaan came from that region and cried out to Him, saying, "Have mercy on me, O Lord, Son of David! My daughter is severely demon-possessed."*
  - Matthew 20:30-31 *30 And behold, two blind men sitting by the road, when they heard that Jesus was passing by, cried out, saying, "Have mercy on us, O Lord, Son of David!" 31 Then the multitude warned them that they should be quiet; but they cried out all the more, saying, "Have mercy on us, O Lord, Son of David!"*
  - Hebrews 4:16 *Let us therefore come boldly to the throne of grace, that we may obtain mercy and find grace to help in time of need.*

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- **Conclusion**

- Are you merciful? Is there someone in your life who is suffering and needs help? Someone who cannot help him/her? If you know of someone, you can show them mercy . . .
- When you see a poor person on the street, at a store or near your home, how do you respond to him/her?
- Jesus was merciful. He cared for the suffering and helpless and He wants His disciples to be like Himself. Jesus had a pattern of life of showing mercy to the poor, widows, orphans and others. Come, be like Jesus. Follow your master!