

The Beatitudes Matthew 5:1-12

Beatitudes reflected in the life of Jesus

1 When he saw the crowds, he went up the mountain, and after he had sat down, his disciples came to him. 2 He began to teach them, saying:

3 *Blessed are the poor in spirit, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven.*

Matt 8:20 “but the Son of Man has nowhere to rest his head.”

4 *Blessed are they who mourn, for they will be comforted.*

John 11:33, 35 “When Jesus saw her weeping and the Jews who had come with her weeping, he became perturbed and deeply troubled....35 And Jesus wept.”

5 *Blessed are the meek, for they will inherit the land.*

Matt 11:29 “Take my yoke upon you & learn from me, for I am meek and humble of heart”

6 *Blessed are they who hunger and thirst for righteousness, for they will be satisfied.*

Luke 12:49-50 “I have come to set the earth on fire, and how I wish it were already blazing!

There is a baptism with which I must be baptized, and how great is my anguish until it is accomplished!” Also, Jesus said, “I thirst” John 19:28

7 *Blessed are the merciful, for they will be shown mercy.*

In Matt 9:13 & 12:7 Jesus quotes Hosea 6:6 “I desire mercy, not sacrifice” Example of John 8:7 “Let the one who is without sin be the first to throw a stone at her’.

8 *Blessed are the clean of heart, for they will see God.*

1 Peter 1:19 “with the precious blood of Christ as of a spotless unblemished lamb” & John 1:36 “as he watched Jesus walk by, he said, “Behold, the Lamb of God.”

9 *Blessed are the peacemakers, for they will be called children of God.*

Ephesians 2:14 “For he is our peace, he who made both one and broke down the dividing wall of enmity, through his flesh”

10 *Blessed are they who are persecuted for the sake of righteousness, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven.*

Matthew 20:18-19 “ the Son of Man will be handed over to the chief priests and the scribes, and they will condemn him to death, and hand him over to the Gentiles to be mocked and scourged and crucified,” John 15:20 “If they persecuted me, they will also persecute you”

11 *Blessed are you when they insult you and persecute you and utter every kind of evil against you falsely because of me.*

1 Peter 2:23 “When he was insulted, he returned no insult; when he suffered, he did not threaten; instead, he handed himself over to the one who judges justly.”

12 *Rejoice and be glad, for your reward will be great in heaven. Thus they persecuted the prophets who were before you.*

John 16:20 “your grief will turn to joy”

Blessings! You call those blessings! BUT, what makes them blessings?

1 Peter 1:15-16 “as he who called you is holy, be holy yourselves in every aspect of your conduct, for it is written, “Be holy because I am] holy.” (quote Lev 11:44)

Mathew 5:48 “So be perfect, just as your heavenly Father is perfect.”

As a person of faith, how do you see it? Matthew 6:22-23 “The lamp of the body is the eye. If your eye is sound, your whole body will be filled with light; but if your eye is bad, your whole body will be in darkness.” *When you appreciate the good, then good appreciates (grows-increases).* Or in other words, *good people bring out the best in others.* Also, good people bring the goodness to the otherwise bad situation. ‘*Seek and you will find....*’ Matt 7:7

Isaiah 32:8 “But the noble plan noble deeds, and in noble deeds they persist.”

Luke 11: 41 “But as to what is within, give alms, and behold, everything will be clean for you.” This quote of Jesus refers to questions of Hebrew food purity laws and the cleansing of vessels etc.

After Jesus the Master washes feet of disciples, he tells them this: John 13:17 "If you understand this, blessed are you if you do it."

2 Corinthians 4:8-10 "We are afflicted in every way, but not constrained; perplexed, but not driven to despair; persecuted, but not abandoned; struck down, but not destroyed; always carrying about in the body the dying of Jesus, so that the life of Jesus may also be manifested in our body."

2 Corinthians 4:17-18 "For this momentary light affliction is producing for us an eternal weight of glory beyond all comparison, as we look not to what is seen but to what is unseen; for what is seen is transitory, but what is unseen is eternal."

Matthew 6:33 "Seek first the kingdom of God and his righteousness, and all these things will be given you besides." The Beatitudes bring a NEW VIEW. --- Born Anew-Second Birth-Reborn ---

Revelation 21:5 "The one who sat on the throne said, "**Behold, I make all things new.**"

1 Samuel 16:7 "But the Lord said to Samuel, "Do not look on his appearance or on the height of his stature, because I have rejected him. For the Lord sees not as man sees: man looks on the outward appearance, but the Lord looks on the heart."

Colossians 3:1-2 "If then you were raised with Christ, seek what is above, where Christ is seated at the right hand of God. Think of what is above, not of what is on earth."

2 Corinthians 4:4 "the god of this age has blinded the minds of the unbelievers, so that they may not see the light of the gospel of the glory of Christ,"

We have to want to see! to see as Christ sees. Think of the story of Blind Bartimaeus- Mark 10:51 "Jesus asked him, "What do you want me to do for you?" The blind man said, "Rabbi, I want to see."

First word of psalms 1:1 is "Blessed..... Blessed is the man "Blessed is the man who does not walk in the counsel of the wicked,"

Psalms 1:3 "He is like a tree planted near streams of water, that yields its fruit in season; Its leaves never wither; whatever he does prospers." Interior Motivation – Inner Strength – Internal Reward

Roots of Jesus' Beatitude Teaching in His Blessed Mother's Song

Where does this come from?

Matthew 13:54 "He came to his native place and taught the people in their synagogue. They were astonished and said, "Where did this man get such wisdom and mighty deeds? Again in verse 56, they ask "Where did this man get all this?"

It came from the home of Mary and Joseph and the spiritual formation Jesus received growing up.

Luke 2:22 "When the days were completed for their purification according to the law of Moses, they took him up to Jerusalem to present him to the Lord,

Luke 2:41-42 "Each year his parents went to Jerusalem for the feast of Passover, and when he was twelve years old, they went up according to festival custom."

Luke 2:46-47 After three days they found him in the temple, sitting in the midst of the teachers, listening to them and asking them questions, and all who heard him were astounded at his understanding and his answers."

Mary's Magnificat of Luke 1:46 "My soul proclaims the greatness of the Lord" then on to verse 48 from now on will all ages call me blessed. 49The Mighty One has done great things for me, and holy is his name. & 52He has thrown down the rulers from their thrones but lifted up the lowly. & 53The hungry he has filled with good things; the rich he has sent away empty."

This sounds a lot like the Beatitudes and the Sermon on the Mount!

Some Old Testament Background of the Beatitudes

Matt 5:3 "Blessed are the poor in spirit, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven.

Isaiah 61:1 "The Spirit of the Lord God is upon me, because the Lord has anointed me to bring good news to the poor; he has sent me to bind up the brokenhearted, to proclaim liberty to the captives, and the opening of the prison to those who are bound;

Matt 5:4 "Blessed are those who mourn, for they shall be comforted.

Isaiah 61:2 to proclaim the year of the Lord's favor, and the day of vengeance of our God; to comfort all who mourn;

Matt 5:5 "Blessed are the meek, for they shall inherit the earth.

Psalms 37:11 "But the meek shall inherit the land and delight themselves in abundant peace.

Matt 5:6 "Blessed are those who hunger and thirst for righteousness, for they shall be satisfied.

Isaiah 55:1-3 "Come, everyone who thirsts, come to the waters; and he who has no money, come, buy and eat! Come, buy wine and milk without money and without price. Why do you spend your money for that which is not bread, and your labor for that which does not satisfy? Listen diligently to me, and eat what is good, and delight yourselves in rich food. Incline your ear, and come to me; hear, that your soul may live; and I will make with you an everlasting covenant, my steadfast, sure love for David.

Matt 5:7 "Blessed are the merciful, for they shall receive mercy.

Exodus 34:6 "The Lord passed before him and proclaimed, "The Lord, the Lord, a God merciful and gracious, slow to anger, and abounding in steadfast love and faithfulness,

Matt 5:8 "Blessed are the pure in heart, for they shall see God.

Psalms 24:3-5 "Who shall ascend the hill of the Lord? And who shall stand in his holy place? He who has clean hands and a pure heart, who does not lift up his soul to what is false and does not swear deceitfully. He will receive blessing from the Lord and righteousness from the God of his salvation.

Matt 5:9 "Blessed are the peacemakers, for they shall be called sons of God.

Psalms 34:14 "Turn away from evil and do good; seek peace and pursue it."

Matt 5:10-12 "Blessed are those who are persecuted for righteousness' sake, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven. Blessed are you when others revile you and persecute you and utter all kinds of evil against you falsely on my account. Rejoice and be glad, for your reward is great in heaven, for so they persecuted the prophets who were before you."

Examples of Persecuted OT Prophets 2 Chronicles 24:21 "But they conspired against him [Zechariah, son of Jehoiada], and by command of the king they stoned him with stones in the court of the house of the Lord.

Nehemiah 9:26 "Nevertheless, they were disobedient and rebelled against you and cast your law behind their back and killed your prophets, who had warned them in order to turn them back to you, and they committed great blasphemies.

Jeremiah 20:2 "Then Pashhur beat Jeremiah the prophet, and put him in the stocks that were in the upper Benjamin Gate of the house of the Lord.