

## Matthew's Sermon on the Mount

### Matthew 5:1-12

- 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.*
- 4 *Blessed are they who mourn, for they will be comforted.*
- 5 *Blessed are the meek, for they will inherit the land.*
- 6 *Blessed are they who hunger and thirst for righteousness, for they will be satisfied.*
- 7 *Blessed are the merciful, for they will be shown mercy.*
- 8 *Blessed are the pure of heart, for they will see God.*
- 9 *Blessed are the peacemakers, for they will be called children of God.*
- 10 *Blessed are they who are persecuted for the sake of righteousness, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven.*
- 11 Blessed are you when they insult you and persecute you and utter every kind of evil against you falsely because of me.
- 12 Rejoice and be glad, for your reward will be great in heaven. Thus they persecuted the prophets who were before you.

## Luke's Sermon on the Plain

### Luke 6:17

Verse 17 "And Jesus came down with them and ***stood on a stretch of level ground.*** A great crowd of his disciples and a large number of the people from all Judea and Jerusalem and the coastal region of Tyre and Sidon came to hear him and to be healed of their diseases;

Verse 20 "And raising his eyes toward his disciples he said:

- "Blessed are you who are poor, for the kingdom of God is yours.*
- 21 *Blessed are you who are now hungry, for you will be satisfied.*  
*Blessed are you who are now weeping, for you will laugh.*
- 22 *Blessed are you when people hate you, and when they exclude and insult you, and denounce your name as evil on account of the Son of Man.*
- 23 *Rejoice and leap for joy on that day! Behold, your reward will be great in heaven. For their ancestors treated the prophets in the same way.*
- 24 *But woe to you who are rich, for you have received your consolation.*
- 25 *But woe to you who are filled now, for you will be hungry.*  
*Woe to you who laugh now, for you will grieve and weep.*
- 26 *Woe to you when all speak well of you, for their ancestors treated the false prophets in this way.*

## Who knew? There are more Beatitudes in the New Testament!

### Seven in the Book of Revelation

1. Revelation 1:3 "***Blessed is the one*** who reads aloud the words of this prophecy, and blessed are those who hear it and take to heart what is written in it, because the time is near."
2. Revelation 14:13 "Then I heard a voice from Heaven say, "Write this: ***Blessed are the dead*** who die in the Lord from now on." "Yes," says the Spirit, "they will rest from their labor, for their deeds will follow them."
3. Revelation 16:15 "Look, I come like a thief! ***Blessed is the one*** who stays awake and remains robed...."
4. Revelation 19:9 "Then the angel said to me, "Write this: ***Blessed are those*** who are invited to the wedding supper of the Lamb!" And he added, "These are the true words of God."

5. Revelation 20:6 “**Blessed and holy are those** who share in the first resurrection. The second death has no power over them, but they will be priests of God and of Christ and will reign with Him for a thousand years.”

6. Revelation 22:7 “Look, I am coming soon! **Blessed is the one** who keeps the words of the prophecy written in this scroll.”

7. Revelation 22:13-14 “I am the Alpha and the Omega, the First and the Last, the Beginning and the End. “Blessed are those who wash their robes, that they may have the right to the tree of life and may go through the gates into the City.”

AND, James 1:12 “**Blessed is the man** who perseveres in temptation, for when he has been proved he will receive the crown of life that he promised to those who love him.”

John 20:29 “Have you come to believe because you have seen me? **Blessed are those** who have not seen and have believed.”

Matthew 13:16 ““But **blessed are your eyes**, because they see, and your ears, because they hear.”

Psalms 1:1 “Blessed is the man who does not walk in the counsel of the wicked, Nor stand in the way of sinners, nor sit in company with scoffers.”

Proverbs 3:13 “Blessed is the one who finds wisdom, the one who gains understanding!”

## Reflection-Discussion Questions on the Beatitudes

About all of the beatitudes: What is the virtue quality? What does it mean? Any New Words?

- What kind of happiness do you think Jesus was talking about? Is his happy-our happy?
- What is ‘poor in spirit’? What is most important to a person ‘poor in spirit’?
- How best can we help sad people? What makes us sad? What comforts us?
- Name someone ‘meek’ in the Bible. How can we be meek? What does meekness look like?
- What does it mean to hunger and thirst for goodness? Have you ever worked so hard to make something right?
- Define ‘Mercy’. When was the last time you experienced or received ‘mercy’? Have you given someone mercy recently?
- Describe what it means to be ‘pure of heart’ or ‘clean of heart’. They see God. What is that like? Have you ever seen God?
- Are you a peacemaker? What are the risks of being a peacemaker? How much strength does it take to be a ‘peacemaker’? Name an example, and how they made peace.
- Have you ever been persecuted for believing in Christ? Has anyone made fun of your belief? Name some times that you know, when Jesus was persecuted. How about His parents, Mary & Joseph.

Matthew 5:13-16 ““**You are the salt of the earth.** But if salt loses its taste, with what can it be seasoned? It is no longer good for anything but to be thrown out and trampled underfoot. **You are the light of the world.** A city set on a mountain cannot be hidden. Nor do they light a lamp and then put it under a bushel basket; it is set on a lampstand, where it gives light to all in the house. Just so, your light must shine before others, that they may see your good deeds and glorify your heavenly Father.”

*How can Christians be salt & light? What qualities do both Salt and Light share? How are they alike?*