

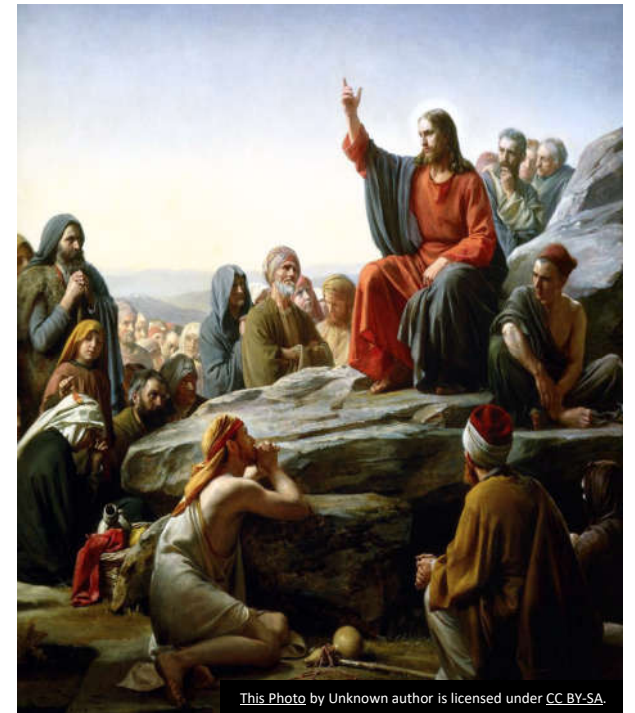
The Blessing of
Living Out
Christ's Culture
(The
Beatitudes) Matthe
w 5:1-12

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Sermon on the Mount (Matthew 5-7)

- The Beatitudes at the beginning of Jesus' longest sermon.
- The Sermon on the Mount many believed was preached over days and not hours.
 - (REITIRATION OF THESE KINGDOM PRINCIPLES).
- Some imagery with Mt. Zion (There is Messianic Implications especially with Mt. Zion but we won't really touch on that since we are not going through the entire book of Matthew).
- Matthew: Jewish audience to affirm that Jesus is King.





"Jesus' message in the sermon is that God is our Father, who sees and cares about the heart, not just external righteous deeds and religion."

**-Jonathan Pennington
(Gospel Coalition)**



The Big C(s) of the Beatitudes

- **CHARACTER:** This is not simply a list but a description of outward expressions that come from internal conclusions/dispositions.
- **CONDUCT:** These outward expressions once again give insight into a person's inside. (Messianic aspect- Jesus versus Moses: The Sermon on the Mount – as "The Kingdom Ethics").
- **COUNTER-CULTURAL:** These Kingdom values are timeless and shows how Omniscient God as the counter-cultural nature of it shows his understanding of humans and their nature and propensities.



Holiness

"Holiness is not a change of conduct. Holiness is a change of character."

-Pastor Chip Monck



OUTLINE

- I. The Setting of the Sermon (Matthew 5:1-2)**
- II. Those Who Depend on God (Matthew 5:3-6).**
- III. Those Who Live for God. (Matthew 5:7-9).**
- IV. Those Who are Persecuted. (Matthew 5:10-12).**

The Setting of the Sermon (Matthew 5:1-2)

(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:



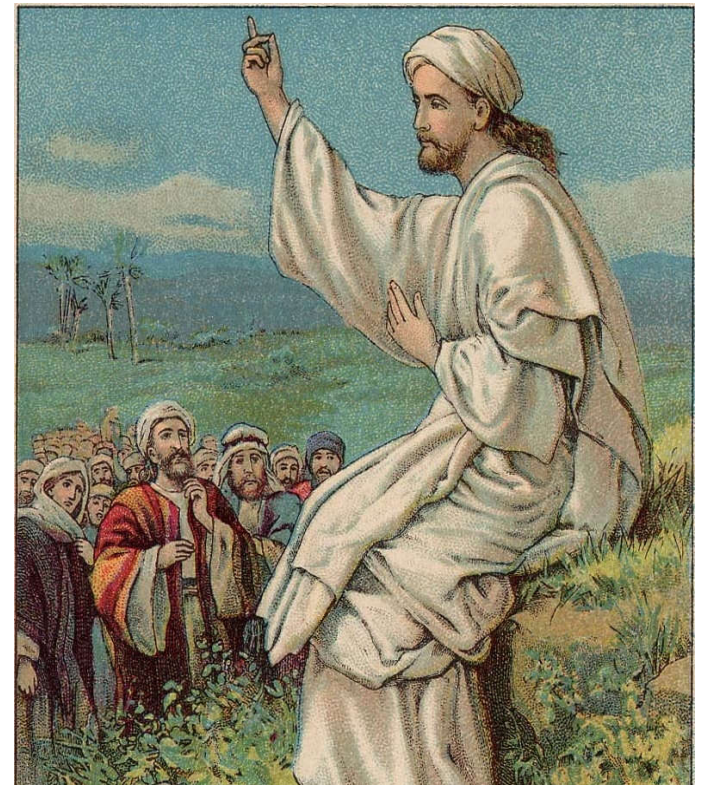
What does it mean to be "Blessed"?

"Happy" - Greek *makarios* - "blessed", "happy", and "fortunate" all at once- so there is no single English equivalent word.

There is a lot of debate as to whether Matthew was originally written in Hebrew. Matthew- Jewish and writing to a Jewish audience. Hebrew Mindset of Blessing is an expression of being in favor or relationship with God." (Having Children- Hannah in 1 Samuel).

"If/Then (Condition of Blessing) relationships however in the Beatitudes. "Blessed are those who..."

Life Application Commentary: Graciously approved by God.





These Beatitudes are all true regardless of whether we are happy or not. ... And we all know a sinner can be happy even if he doesn't exhibit the Christian traits encouraged by the Beatitudes. But he won't be "blessed" will he?

**Those Who Depend on God (Matthew 5:3-6).
A humility that leads God's people to depend wholly on Him.**

**(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.**



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**(V.3) Poor in Spirit ---> Kingdom of Heaven (present tense).
Now and not yet aspect to it.**

**(v.4) Those who Mourn ---> Shall be Comforted.
(A divine passive- "By God").**

(v.5) The Meek ---> Inherit the Earth.

**(v.6) Hunger and Thirst for Righteousness --->
They shall be filled.**

Those Who Live for God. (Matthew 5:7-9).

**(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.**



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Those Who Live for God. (Matthew 5:7-9).

(v.7) Those who are merciful ---> obtain mercy.

Grant Osborne: "The reward here is both given by & shown by God."

(v.8) Pure in Heart ---> Shall see God.

**Without Holiness no one will see the Lord. Hebrews
12:14**

**Psalm 24: Idea of the pure ascending to the Hill of
God.**

(v.9) Peacemakers ---> Called Sons of God.

**"Those who experience the shalom of God, become
his agents establishing his peace in the world. This
connotes both peace with God and peace between
people." Pastor Nick Lee**



Those Who are Persecuted. (Matthew 5:10-12).

(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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Being persecuted for Jesus' sake

MAJOR PREMISE: Jesus
and His followers are one.

MINOR PREMISE: The
world will hate and
persecutes Jesus and His
values.

CONCLUSION: The world
will hate and persecute
you and the values of Jesus
that you hold.