

The Beatitudes

The Sermon on the Mount found in Matthew chapters 5-7 covers a multitude of topics and gives us some insight on how to live a life pleasing to God. Here we are starting with the beatitudes. Each verse begins with “Blessed are” and refers to something that is truly good in a person’s life.

We are blessed because we are poor in spirit meaning we recognize that we need God. We are blessed when we mourn, because we mourn sin. Sin is equated with spiritual death and when we repent, we are freed from it. Blessed are the meek and who are the meek? Those who fully submit and trust God. Blessed are those who hunger and thirst for righteousness. These are those who truly seek God and what God wants for us. Blessed are the merciful are those who show mercy to other. Blessed are the pure in heart are people that are focused on God inwardly. It is not about being perfect but having a right heart with God. Blessed are the peacemakers, are those that reconcile those that are in conflict. Blessed are those who are persecuted for righteousness sake. We need to recognize that some are going to be opposed to our conversion, but it is important for us to remember who we are in God and stay true to Him. Blessed are you when they revile and persecute you and say all kinds of evil against you falsely for My sake. This verse shows us as Christians what we may face.

In the Beatitudes, God not only shows us what truth faith in Him looks like but He also gives us assurances of what we are to receive by truly turning to Him. We are promised the Kingdom of Heaven, we will be comforted, we will be satisfied, we will receive mercy, we will see God and be called sons of God and we shall inherit the earth, not this earth but a new and better earth after Jesus’ second coming. Should we get bent out of shape or upset because of the way people treat us? Absolutely not, verse 12 tells us to rejoice, but not only rejoice but be exceedingly glad for our reward is great in Heaven.

Matthew 5: 1-12

Romans 1:17

2 Corinthians 5:21

Matthew 19:23

John 14:6