

The Sermon on the Mount.

Matthew 5-7

18. INTRODUCTION.

Matt. 5:1-2

1 Seeing the crowds, he went up on the mountain, and when he sat down his disciples came to him. ² And he opened his mouth and taught them, saying:

Luke 6:12, 20 (§ 72, p. 54; § 73, p. 55)

3:13 6:12 In these days he went out into the hills to pray; and all night he continued in prayer to God. ²⁰ And he lifted up his eyes on his disciples, and said:

19. THE BEATITUDES

Matt. 5:3-12

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 satisfied.
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 men
revile you
and persecute you and utter all kinds of
evil against you falsely on my account.
¹² Rejoice and be glad, for your reward
is great in heaven, for so men persecuted
the prophets who were before you.

Luke 6:20-23 (§ 73, p. 55)

²⁰ "Blessed are you poor,
for yours is the kingdom of God.

²¹ "Blessed are you that hunger now,

for you shall be satisfied.
"Blessed are you that weep now,
for you shall laugh.

²² "Blessed are you when men hate you,
and when they exclude you and revile you
and cast out your name as evil, on
account of the Son of man!
²³ Rejoice in that day, and leap for
joy, for behold, your reward is great in
heaven; for so their fathers did to the
prophets."

Matt. 5:5—Psalm 37:11. 5:8—Psalm 24:4.

To Matt. 5:3 and Luke 6:20 cf. *Gospel of Thomas, Logion 54*: Jesus said, "Blessed are the poor, for yours is the kingdom of heaven."

To Matt. 5:5 cf. Clement of Alexandria, *Protrepticus X.94.4*: So the scripture naturally preaches to those who have believed, "And the saints of the Lord shall inherit the glory of God and his power."