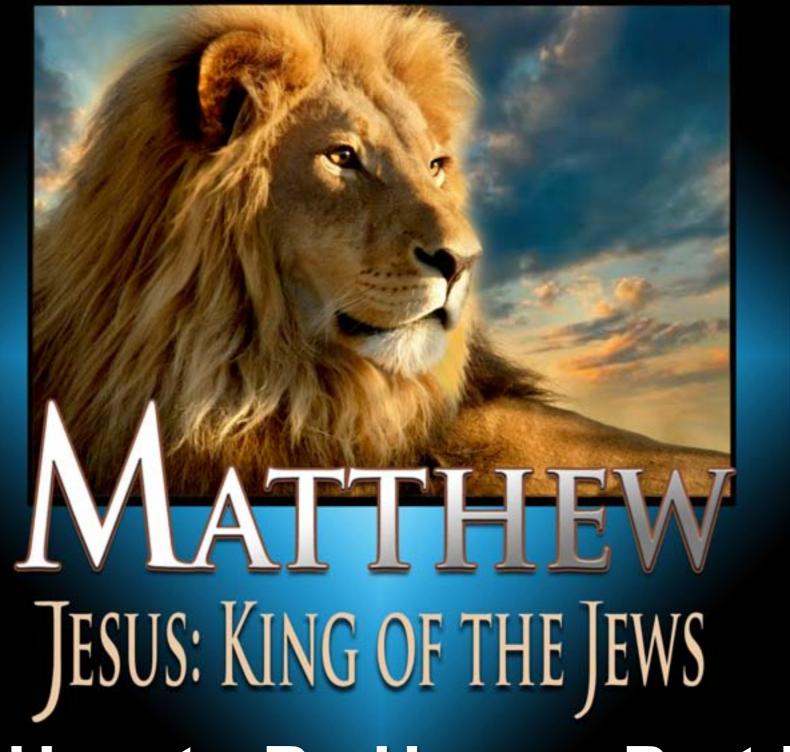
Matthew Series
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How to Be Happy, Part I Matthew 5:1–5

- I. The setting: 5:1, 2
- II. The character and calling of those who inherit the kingdom, 5:3–5:16
- III. The explanation and description of experiential righteousness which should characterize who will inherit the Kingdom, 5:17–7:12
  - a. The principle of righteousness and the Law, 5:17–5:48
    - 1. The confirmation of the Law, 5:17-5:20
    - 2. The interpretation of the Law, 5:21-5:48
  - b. The practice of righteous living, 6:1-18
  - c. The perspectives of righteousness, 6:19-7:12

IV. The warnings of the King, 7:13-7:27

Matt. 5:1, "And seeing the multitudes, He went up on a mountain, and when He was seated His disciples came to Him.

Matt. 5:2, "Then He opened His mouth and taught them, saying:"

# To Whom is Jesus Speaking? Believing Disciples

- 1. He addresses the disciples, not the listening crowd (5:1–2).
- 2. Jesus does not address "how to get saved" in the Sermon.
- 3. Jesus tells them they will be rewarded in heaven (5:12) and they are the salt of the earth and light of the world (5:13–14).
- 4. Jesus instructs them on prayer, rewards, giving, and fasting; all are spiritual life issues.
- 5. The audience asks to be taught to pray.

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πτωχός *ptōchos*nom masc plur
poor, financially
destitute, worse off
than a beggar

Rev. 3:17, "Because you say, 'I am rich, have become wealthy, and have need of nothing'—and do not know that you are wretched, miserable, poor, blind, and naked—"

James 2:5, "Listen, my beloved brethren: Has God not chosen the poor of this world to be rich in faith and heirs of the kingdom which He promised to those who love Him?"

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

πενθέω pentheō
pres act part masc plur
nom
to be sad, grieve, or mourn

Psa. 119:136, "Rivers of water run down from my eyes, Because men do not keep Your law."

Ezek. 9:4, "and the LORD said to him, 'Go through the midst of the city, through the midst of Jerusalem, and put a mark on the foreheads of the men who sigh and cry over all the abominations that are done within it."

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παρακαλέω parakaleō
fut pass indic 3 plur to urge, exhort, comfort

1 John 2:1, "My little children, these things I write to you, so that you may not sin. And if anyone sins, we have an Advocate with the Father, Jesus Christ the righteous."

John 14:26, "But the Helper, the Holy Spirit, whom the Father will send in My name, He will teach you all things, and bring to your remembrance all things that I said to you."

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

πραΰς *praus*, gentle, humble, considerate, meek

Num. 12:3, "(Now the man Moses was very meek, above all the men which were upon the face of the earth.)"

Psa. 37:11, "But the meek shall inherit the earth; and shall delight themselves in the abundance of peace."