

THE SERMON ON THE MOUNT
THE BEATITUDES OF MATTHEW 5:1-12

The Sermon on the Mount was taught by the Lord Jesus Christ to His disciples telling them about eight areas of happiness in their lives. The word "blessed" means happinesses (plural).

1. Matthew 5:3, "BLESSED ARE THE POOR IN SPIRIT" - This is a reminder of the GRACE of salvation. "Poor in spirit" means someone who is void of the happiness of salvation, and that happiness begins at the Cross. The joy of salvation.
2. Matthew 5:4, "BLESSED ARE THEY THAT MOURN" - This is the inner happiness that comes from the Word of God in the soul of the believer, which can handle pressure situations, any suffering situations in life. This believer carries his happiness with him.
3. Matthew 5:5, "BLESSED ARE THE MEEK FOR THEY SHALL INHERIT THE EARTH" - The meek are those who are GRACE oriented. This is a believer who is spiritually poised, and is the antithesis to the pride power generated by the energy of the flesh. Inheriting the Earth refers to Jewish believers in the Millennium. The Palestinian Covenant.
4. Matthew 5:6, "BLESSED ARE THEY WHICH HUNGER AND THIRST AFTER RIGHTEOUSNESS" - This is the believer who has a desire for the Word, and is growing in GRACE by the knowledge of our Saviour Jesus Christ. Righteousness is God's brand of goodness.
5. Matthew 5:7, "BLESSED ARE THE MERCIFUL" - Mercy is GRACE in action, and inner happinesses is promised here based upon the believer thinking GRACE at all times, being GRACE oriented. We are saved by GRACE and we treat others in GRACE.
6. Matthew 5:8, "BLESSED ARE THE PURE IN HEART, MIND" - "Pure in heart, mind" means there is inner happiness only when you are in fellowship with God in time. "For they shall see God" - this refers to occupation with Christ, thinking Divine Viewpoint as a result of being filled with the Spirit.
7. Matthew 5:9, "BLESSED ARE THE PEACEMAKERS" - Peace here and Peacemakers are those who witness for Christ and communicate the way of peace between God and man - reconciliation. "Called the children of God." They are identified with God because they carry His message of GRACE as ambassadors.
8. Matthew 5:10-12, "BLESSED ARE THOSE WHO ARE PERSECUTED FOR RIGHTEOUSNESS SAKE" - Inner happiness is the possession of those who are persecuted for righteousness sake (verse 10). For Christ's sake (verse 11) so keep on rejoicing, keep staying in fellowship, regardless because God's plan of GRACE is greater than any pressure or persecution in life. The idea is to draw upon the GRACE of God.

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