

Matthew 5:2-12

“The Blessed Life... According to Jesus”

Introduction

I. Blessed are the WHO???

Note: The first four “beatitudes” mark our *entrance* into the Kingdom while the last four “beatitudes” are _____ that we’ve entered the Kingdom.

#1 Matthew 5:3 - “Blessed are the poor in spirit, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven.”

- 1) Priority
- 2) Promise (Romans 8:18; Matthew 11:28-30; Philippians 4:4)
- 3) Paradox (Matthew 16:24-25)
- 4) Picture (Luke 18:9-14)
- 5) Pronouncement

#2 Matthew 5:4 - “Blessed are those who mourn, for they shall be comforted.”

(Romans 7:18a; Psalm 51:3-4; 2 Corinthians 7:10-11a)

Pronouncement: The result of godly mourning is to be comforted by _____ Himself!
(James 4:8-10; Revelation 21:4)

#3 Matthew 5:5 - “Blessed are the meek, for they shall inherit the earth.”

Matthew 21:5 - “Say to the daughter of Zion, ‘Behold, your king is coming to you, humble, and mounted on a donkey, on a colt, the foal of a beast of burden.’”

2 Corinthians 10:1a - “I, Paul, myself entreat you, by the meekness and gentleness of Christ...”

Note: Being “poor in spirit” is the right response to our sinfulness; being “meek” is the right response to _____ and His holiness & majesty.

(Isaiah 66:2b; 1 Peter 2:22-23; Romans 8:16-17; 1 Corinthians 3:21-22)

#4 Matthew 5:6 - “Blessed are those who hunger and thirst for righteousness, for they shall be satisfied.”

2 Corinthians 5:21 -

Jeremiah 23:5-6 - “Behold, the days are coming, declares the Lord, when I will raise up for David a righteous Branch, and He shall reign as king and deal wisely, and shall execute justice and righteousness in the land. In His days Judah will be saved, and Israel will dwell securely. And this is the name by which He will be called: ‘The Lord is our righteousness.’”

John 6:35 - “Jesus said to them, ‘I am the bread of life; whoever comes to Me shall not hunger, and whoever believes in Me shall never thirst.’”

#5 Matthew 5:7 - “Blessed are the merciful, for they shall receive mercy.”

James 2:13a - “For judgment is without mercy to one who has shown no mercy.”

Matthew 6:14-15 - “For if you forgive others their trespasses, your heavenly Father will also forgive you, but if you do not forgive others their trespasses, neither will your Father forgive your trespasses.”

Matthew 18:21-35 -

#6 Matthew 5:8 - “Blessed are the pure in heart, for they shall see God.”

Proverbs 4:23 - “Keep your heart with all vigilance, for from it flow the springs of life.”

Note: The word “pure” here refers to metals that have been refined by _____ impurities.
(Matthew 6:24; James 4:4)

The Pursuit of Purity...

1) We’re _____ and we can’t be on our own. (Proverbs 20:9; Jeremiah 13:23)

2) We need God’s _____. (Psalm 119:9, 11; John 17:17)

3) We need God’s _____. (Galatians 5:16, 22-23, 25)

4) We need to _____ and ask God to purify us. (Psalm 51:10; Matthew 26:41; Matthew 6:13)

(Job 19:25-27; 1 Corinthians 13:12; 1 John 3:2-3)

#7 Matthew 5:9 - “Blessed are the peacemakers, for they shall be called sons of God.”

Matthew 10:34-39 -

Note: The great enemy of peace is _____ and Satan.

(Isaiah 48:22; James 3:16; James 4:1; Eph. 2:13-14a; Colossians 1:19-20; 2 Corinthians 5:20)

#8 Matthew 5:10-12 - “Blessed are those who are persecuted for righteousness’ sake, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven. Blessed are you when others revile you and persecute you and utter all kinds of evil against you falsely on My account. Rejoice and be glad, for your reward is great in heaven, for so they persecuted the prophets who were before you.”

2 Timothy 3:12 - “Indeed, all who desire to live a godly life in Christ Jesus will be persecuted.”

Romans 8:18 - “For I consider that the sufferings of this present time are not worth comparing with the glory that is to be revealed to us.”

Hebrews 11:24-26, 32-40 -