

“Beatitudes #1”

Matthew 5:1-2 and 3-4 (Introduction to the Beatitudes)

Review: Why was it necessary for Jesus to be Baptized?

Matthew 3:15 *“But Jesus answered and said to him, permit it to be so now, for thus it is fitting for us to fulfill all righteousness. Then he allowed Him.”*

ESV Study Bible says... Jesus’ baptism inaugurates His ministry and fulfills God’s saving activity prophesied throughout the OT.

- Passion bible says it best: V15... *“Jesus replied, it is only right to do all that God requires. Then John baptized Jesus.”*
- *Jesus came to die for our sins, to take on our sin!* But He also came to live for us and to fulfill all righteousness... *by identifying with us as sinners.*
- God requires us to be baptized to fulfill righteousness, thus Jesus was baptized... to fulfill all righteousness!

2 Cor.5:21

“For He made Him who knew no sin to be sin for us, that we might become the righteousness of God in Him.”

- **Matthew 5:1-2 (Text) Read**

Let’s set the stage... who was the intended audience for His sermon?

“Seeing the multitudes, He went up on a mountain...” (What multitudes?)

- **Matthew 4:23-25** Read... V17, *this is the beginning of His ministry.*
- V’s 18-21 Calls His disciples...
- Luke 6... Same account.

Who is He teaching, the multitudes?... Chap. 5:1b-2 *"When He was seated His disciples came to Him, then He opened His mouth and taught them, saying:"* (Starts with the Beatitudes)

Luke 6:20 *"Then He lifted up His eyes toward His disciples, and said: Blessed are the poor..."*

➤ **Several things we need to see:**

1. Jesus is mainly teaching His disciples, though there may be others listening.
2. This is not a message for the unsaved, it is for the saved...
3. Versus 3 thru 12 Jesus opens His sermon with what brings blessings. *In this life and in eternity.*
4. What does it mean to be blessed?

Blessed: We are always saying God Bless you... what does it mean?

- Greek word translated blessed: **Makarios**, there is no precise English word for this Greek word..., *it's an inner contentment, a joy that never falters and can never be taken away.*

John 16:22 (ESV) Jesus Said:

"You have sorrow now, but I will see you again, and your hearts will rejoice, and no one will take your joy from you."

- The ultimate blessing and fulness of joy will be realized in heaven.
- That being said, **we can and do experience true joy, here through Jesus Christ!**

Pastor Robert Jeffress:

"Happiness is a superficial emotion that depends on happenings, or circumstances, but joy is a deep, bedrock assurance that God is in control of the happenings of our lives and is using them for our good and His glory."

Matthew 5:3-4 Text (Read)

- Unfortunately, many people saved and unsaved read these beatitudes as a formula.
- As laws for living... i.e.: *what can I do to become poor in Spirit, how should I mourn...*
- Bible becomes a book of do's and don'ts. **Book of laws...**

The truth of the matter is: We are incapable of fulfilling any of the beatitudes

Psalms 51:2-5 ESV *"Wash me thoroughly from my iniquity, and cleanse from my sin! For I know my transgressions, and my sin is ever before me, against you, you only, have I sinned and done what is evil in your sight, so that you may be justified in your words and blameless in your judgement. Behold, I was brought forth in iniquity, and in sin did my mother conceive me."*

- Which brings me to the solution:

Psalms 1:1-3 ESV

"Blessed is the Man (Hebrew: for man ish: it's used to portray a representative example of a godly person) who walks not in the counsel of the wicked, nor stands in the way of sinners, nor sits in the seat of scoffers; but his delight is in the law (Lit. instruction) of the Lord, and on his law, he meditates day and night. He is like a tree planted by streams of water that yields its fruit in its season, and its leaf does not wither. In all that he does, he prospers."

- Who is the Man...?

John 5:39-40 ESV... *"You search the scriptures because you think that in them you have eternal; and it is they that bear witness about Me, yet you refuse to come to Me that you may have life."*

- When you read and study the O.T. you need to always be looking for JESUS...

- We are incapable of fulfilling the beatitudes without **"Christ in us, the hope of glory"**
- In our own strength or abilities... *we will know no blessings.*
- This is the mind set I would like you to have as we study the sermon on the mount!

Next week... we will dive into all the beatitudes...

Philippians 2:1-18 meditate on this scripture before next Wednesday!