

“Beatitudes #3”

Matthew 5:5-6 (Beatitudes – (The Meek & Those that Hunger and Thirst for Righteousness)

Review: Sermon on the mount... Begins with the beatitudes

Review: What does it mean to be blessed?

- 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.**
- Some translations have it as happy... But it's more than a temporary or circumstantial feeling of happiness - **blessed is a state of well-being in relationship to God!**

#1 Matthew 5:3 (Text) ***“Blessed are the poor in Spirit, for theirs is the kingdom of God.”***

- Poor in Spirit... **recognize they are in need of God's help.**
- ***The kingdom belongs to those confess their spiritual bankruptcy!***

Robert Jeffress: ***“When we come to God with nothing in our hands to offer but our spiritual bankruptcy, He gives us the key to heaven.”***

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

- Here Jesus is mainly talking about us, mourning over our sin and the sin of the world!
- You will never turn from your sin until you are first **broken** over your sin.

2 Corinthians 7:10 Paul says: ***“The sorrow that is according to the will of God produces a repentance without regret, leading to salvation.”***

- ***“Blessed are the poor in spirit... Blessed are those the mourn... For they shall inherit the Kingdom of God and will be comforted.”***

Text: Matthew 5:5... (ESV) ***“Blessed are the Meek, for they shall inherit the earth.”***

- Meek: Every commentator I've read agree this word is better translated. "Gentle"
- It is not weakness, but this word is defined as Power under Control... *"It was used to describe a wild animal that was tamed."*

Matthew 11:28-29 (KJV)

"Come unto me, all ye that labor and are heavy laden, and I will give you rest. Take My yoke upon you and learn of Me; for I am meek and lowly in heart: and you shall find rest unto your souls."

(ESV) *"Take my yoke upon you and learn from Me, for I am gentle and lowly of heart."*

Numbers 12:3 (ESV)

"Now Moses was very humble, more than all men who were on the face of the earth."

(KJV) *Moses was very meek, above all men..."*

Psalms 37:11... (ESV) *"The meek shall inherit the earth and shall delight themselves in the abundance of peace."*

V4 of that same chapter: *"Delight yourself also in the Lord, and He will give you the desires of your heart."*

- It's been my experience: when you truly delight yourself in the Lord... *His desires become your desires.*
- This is not a verse to have God meet all your fleshly desires!

- What does it mean to inherit the earth, someone has said:

"It doesn't mean there will be a Mercedes in every garage, a mink in every closet, or a million dollars in every bank account. It's a promise of things to come – things that cannot be stolen or destroyed. It's the promise of a new earth, a better earth – an earth without sin – and the right of the meek and gentle to possess it."

Text Matthew 5:6... (ESV) *"Blessed are those who hunger and thirst for righteousness, for they shall be satisfied."*

- We all know what it means to hunger and thirst for food and our physical needs...
- And lengths we will go through to satisfy our hunger... *(I.E. third world country's)*

Those that hunger and thirst for righteous... **recognize that God is our ultimate source of true righteous!**

- Those that seek God's righteousness will exhibit the fruits of the Spirit... **Gal. 5:22-23**
- *Love, Joy, Peace, Patience, Kindness, Goodness, faithfulness, Gentleness and self-control."*

Philippians 4:8 (ESV)

"Whatever is true, what ever is honorable, whatever is right, whatever is pure, whatever is lovely, whatever is of good repute, if there is any excellence and if anything, worthy of praise, dwell on these things."

Luke 1:52-53 (ESV)

"He has put down the mighty from their thrones, and exalted the lowly, He has filled the hungry with good things, and the rich He has sent away empty."

Jesus promised us, if we hunger and thirst for righteousness, we will be satisfied... How:

- With a clear conscience, a deeper love for God and others.
- A freedom from fear, shame and regret.
- One day the Kingdom of God is coming... and we will totally be satisfied...