

“Beatitudes #4”

Matthew 5:7-8 - Beatitudes - (The Merciful and the Pure of Heart)

Review: Sermon on the mount...

#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.”***

- You will never turn from your sin until you are first **broken** over your sin.

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

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

- Meek: Every commentator I’ve read agrees 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 11:29 Jesus Said...

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

Psalms 37:11... (ESV) ***“The meek shall inherit the earth and shall delight themselves in the abundance of peace...”*** We understand this as the new earth, that descends from heaven!

Revelation 21:1-8 Read – New Heaven and a New Earth -

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

- Those that hunger and thirst for righteous... recognize that God is our ultimate source of true righteous!
- Jesus promised us, if we hunger and thirst for righteousness, we will be satisfied...

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."

Tonight: The next two beatitudes work together as one! (They overlap)

- Matthew 5:7 (Text)

"Blessed are the Merciful, for they shall obtain Mercy..."

➤ What is Mercy... many confuse mercy with grace!

Simple Definition: Grace is receiving what we do not deserve; Mercy is not receiving what we do deserve!

Bible Definition: *"Mercy is when God, out of His lovingkindness, withholds punishment that we rightfully deserve because of our sin... God's mercy and compassion cannot be earned... it is part of God's nature to be merciful."*

James 2:13 (NKJV)

"Judgement is without mercy to the one who has shown no mercy. Mercy triumphs over judgement."

Romans 12:8... Say's he who shows mercy... let him do it with cheerfulness!

Proverbs 21:13

“Whoever shuts his ears to the cry of the poor will also cry himself and not be heard.”

James 1:27 (NASB) *“Pure and undefiled religion before our God and Father is this: to visit orphans and widows in their distress, (trouble) and to keep oneself unstained by the world.”*

James 2:15-17 (NASB) *“If a brother or sister is without clothing and in need of daily food, and one of you says to them go in peace, be warmed and be filled, and yet you do not give them what is necessary for their body, what use is that? Even so faith, if it has no works, is dead, being by itself.”*

1 John 3: 17 (ESV) *“If anyone has the world’s goods and sees his brother in need, yet closes his heart against him, how does God’s love abide in him.”*

➤ He who shows mercy, will receive mercy...

- **Matthew 5: 8 (Text)**

“Blessed are the pure in heart, for they shall see God...”

- Pure of heart - *Jesus said evil thoughts, sin, fornication, murder, come from the heart.*
- Our hearts determine who we are...

Psalms 24:3-5 (ESV)

“Who shall ascend the hill of the Lord? And who shall stand in His Holy place? He who has clean hands and a pure heart, who does not lift up his soul to what is false and does not swear deceitfully. He will receive blessing from the Lord and righteousness from the god of his salvation.”

1 John 3:1-3 (NKJV)

“Behold what manner of love the Father has bestowed on us, that we should be called children of God! Therefore, the world does not know us, because it did not know Him. Beloved, now we are the children of God; and it has not yet been revealed what we shall be, but we know that when He is revealed, we shall be like Him, for we shall see Him as He is. And everyone who has this hope in Him purifies himself, Just as He is pure.”

- When our trust and our hope are in Christ, it has a purifying power/effect on our lives.
- Literally transform and purifies our hearts...

Romans 12:1-2 (Phillips)

“With eyes wide open to the mercies of God, I beg you, my brothers, as an act of intelligent worship, to give Him your bodies, as a living sacrifice, consecrated to Him and acceptable by Him. Don’t let the world around you squeeze you into it’s own mold, but let God re-mold your minds from within, so that you prove in practice that the plan of God for you is good, meets all His demands and moves towards the goal of true maturity.”