

# The New Covenant- The Beatitudes

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## Introduction

**Matthew 5:3-12**

## The Beatitudes

- The righteousness of the Pharisees could never attain these spiritual results.
- These can only come from one who is properly related to God through faith. When one has placed their complete trust in God.

**Matthew 5:3**

<sup>3</sup> Blessed *are* the poor in spirit: for theirs is the kingdom of heaven.

- *Blessed* means “happy”, or “fortunate”.
- *Poor in Spirit* is one who consciously depends on God, not on themselves.
- *Theirs is the kingdom of heaven* means they come to possess God’s kingdom on earth and become heirs of God’s kingdom in heaven.

**Matthew 5:4**

<sup>4</sup> Blessed *are* they that mourn: for they shall be comforted.

- *Mourn* means to recognize our needs and call out to God who can and will meet those needs.
- *They shall be comforted* means God will completely meet the needs we brought to Him.

**Matthew 5:5**

<sup>5</sup> Blessed *are* the meek: for they shall inherit the earth.

- *Meek* means to be humble, gentle, to know our position in God’s kingdom and to be comfortable with it.

**Proverbs 25:28**

**Numbers 12:3**

- *Inherit the earth* - To those who demonstrate their acceptance of the position God gave them, and fulfill it, God will cause them to inherit positions of great authority.

**Matthew 23:12**

**Matthew 5:6**

<sup>6</sup> Blessed *are* they which do hunger and thirst after righteousness: for they shall be filled.

- *Hunger and thirst after righteousness* - Those who acknowledge that they are unrighteous and condemned before God, and so have an intense appetite and desire to be righteous like Jesus Christ.
- *They shall be filled* - God will satisfy them by clothing them with His righteousness.

**Matthew 5:7**

<sup>7</sup> Blessed *are* the merciful: for they shall obtain mercy.

- *Merciful* - Those who forgive others who do them wrong because they understand the debt of mercy they owe Jesus.
- *They shall obtain mercy* - When you forgive others, Jesus will forgive you.

**Matthew 5:8**

<sup>8</sup> Blessed *are* the pure in heart: for they shall see God.

- *Pure in heart* - Those who are pure on the inside through faith in Jesus Christ, and who continue to be on guard against their old nature.
- *They shall see God* - Only by being washed in the blood of Jesus can we become clean in God's eyes. Only then can we enter into the presence of a Holy and a Righteous God.

**Matthew 5:9**

<sup>9</sup> Blessed *are* the peacemakers: for they shall be called the children of God.

- *Peacemakers* - Those who are not always arguing, not always striving for their own viewpoints or their own agendas, but who can give place to others, and who strive to be at peace both with God, and with their fellow man.
- *Shall be called the children of God* - Jesus was never flustered. Never nervous. Never worried. He was always at peace, even in the midst of conflict and strife.

**Isaiah 53:7**

**Matthew 5:10**

<sup>10</sup> Blessed *are* they which are persecuted for righteousness' sake: for theirs is the kingdom of heaven.

- If you will live righteously, the world will hate you, just as it hated Jesus.

**James 4:4**

**Matthew 5:11**

<sup>11</sup> Blessed are ye, when *men* shall revile you, and persecute *you*, and shall say all manner of evil against you falsely, for my sake.

- Jesus experienced this during His trial, and during His crucifixion. The world, and those in the world, will do this to you.

**John 16:33**

**Matthew 5:12**

<sup>12</sup> Rejoice, and be exceeding glad: for great *is* your reward in heaven: for so persecuted they the prophets which were before you.

- We are to rejoice in the midst of persecution and trial and test!

**Acts 5:41**

- We can rejoice because we're looking forward to a great reward because of the things we endure here on earth for His sake.

**Hebrews 12:1**