



Blessed are *You*

A Series on the Beatitudes

Matthew 5:1-12

Part 1

Seeing the crowds, he went up on the mountain, and when he sat down, his disciples came to him.

² And he opened his mouth and taught them, saying:

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3 “Blessed are the poor in spirit, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven.

4 “Blessed are those who mourn, for they shall be comforted.

5 “Blessed are the meek, for they shall inherit the earth.

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6 “Blessed are those who hunger and thirst for righteousness, for they shall be satisfied.

7 “Blessed are the merciful, for they shall receive mercy.

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

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9 “Blessed are the peacemakers, for they shall be called sons of God.

10 “Blessed are those who are persecuted for righteousness’ sake, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven.

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11 “Blessed are you when others revile you and persecute you and utter all kinds of evil against you falsely on my account. 12 Rejoice and be glad, for your reward is great in heaven, for so they persecuted the prophets who were before you.

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Thus the beatitudes are, above all, predicated upon the experience of the grace of God. The recipients are just that, those who receive the good news. Because they are the poor and oppressed, they make no claim upon God for their achievements. They do not merit God's kingdom; but they await his mercy.

The Word Biblical Commentary



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¹⁷ Now this I say and testify in the Lord, that you must no longer walk as the Gentiles do, in the **futility of their minds.** ¹⁸ They are **darkened in their understanding,** alienated from the life of God because of the **ignorance** that is in them, due to their **hardness of heart.**

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- Your free will isn't free. . .its dead.
(Col. 2:13-14).

¹³ When you were **dead by reason of your transgressions**. . . He made you alive together with Him, having forgiven us all our transgressions, ¹⁴ having canceled out the certificate of debt consisting of decrees against us, . . . and He has taken it out of the way, having nailed it to the cross.

Colossians 2:13-14

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- Admit your need – Call for a merciful Savior (Rom. 10:11, 13).

¹¹ For the Scripture says, “Everyone who believes in him will not be put to shame” . . . ¹³ For “everyone who calls on the name of the Lord will be saved.”

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- **Give Thanks!**