

Matthew 5-7 Sermon on the Mountain

Principles of the Kingdom

THE BEATITUDES

*And when He saw the multitudes', He went up on the mountain; and after He sat down His disciples came to Him. And opening His mouth He began to teach them, saying. **Blessed are the poor in spirit for theirs is the kingdom of heaven.** Blessed are those who mourn for they shall be comforted. Blessed are the meek for they shall inherit the earth. Blessed are those who hunger and thirst for righteousness for they shall be satisfied. Blessed are the merciful. for they shall receive mercy. Blessed are the pure in heart for they shall see God. Blessed are the peacemakers for they shall be called sons of God. Blessed are those who have been persecuted for the sake of righteousness for theirs is the kingdom of heaven. Blessed are you when men call you insults at you, and persecute you, and say all kinds of evil against you falsely, on account of Me. Rejoice and be glad for your reward in heaven is great for so they persecuted the prophets who were before you. **(Matt 5:1-12)***

Note: Remember in the Beatitudes Jesus is NOT giving the plan of salvation but a description of the saved.

I. THE FIRST BEATITUDE IS THE FIRST IN BLESSING & THE FIRST INGREDIENT OF TRUE SPIRITUALITY

II. THE FIRST BLESSING IS GIVEN TO THE ABSENCE RATHER THAN TO PRESENCE OF ANY PRAISWORTHY QUALITIES.

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III. POVERTY OF SPIRIT IS AN INNER REALITY vs. AN OUTER REALITY

IV. THE SPIRITUALLY POOR HAVE DISCOVERED A FACT. THIS ASCERTAINED FACT BRINGS COMFORT.

A. Old universal truth

B. Deeply humiliating

C. Little known by most of mankind

D. Our true condition can only be spiritually revealed

E. Peculiarly positions the soul to advantageously obtain every gospel

blessing

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V. THE FACT FORMS A KNOWLEDGE OF THEIR REIGNING POSITION...

A. Thiers is the Kingdom

B. Only the poor in spirit will endure to the end

C. Privileges of the Kingdom are such that only the poor will value them

D. Only the crown of the Kingdom fits the crowned head of the poor in spirit

E. The dominion awarded is not common

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