

# Matthew 5-7 Sermon on the Mountain

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## 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 to account, 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 prophet who were before you. (Matt 5:1-12)*

#### I. JESUS IS SPEAKING: THE PLACE, OCCASION, MANNER & STYLE

##### A. The preacher; *and when He saw the multitudes...*

You want to know something of the preacher the one who is speaking to you. Jesus happens to be the most well versed, most appropriate speaker on the subject of grace and the attributes associated with such a condition. The master teacher and the Prince of all preachers. Who better to discern between those who blessed and those who cursed?

##### B. The occasion; *seeing the multitudes*

Jesus seeing the multitudes Jesus found for himself a great opportunity to expound upon the law of God to the greatest number of people. By far the beatitudes are the comprehensive, most poetic, most simplest and yet the profound teaching anywhere on the earth on what makes for a truly blessed life; not only here on the earth but also in the age to come.

##### C. Seize opportunity

Jesus like any tradesman who is an expert in his craft took the opportunity to expound upon the law of God like any other tradesman who would be jumping at the chance to apply his trade. Like the fisherman who is on the fish and the bite is hot hesitates not to apply his skill to the catching of fish. Like a master wood carver who looks upon a pristine piece of cedar and becomes enthralled at the idea of running his chisel across it's breadth. Jesus seeing the multitudes, seen them as sheep without a shepherd. As wheat bulging out of the sheave just begging the farmer to stick his sickle in and reap.

When God affords us the opportunities in this life to partner with Him in the things of His Kingdom we should not be slack or complain if we allow the opportunity to pass us by. The farmer of an peach orchard cannot complain or cry to the bank if he hesitated to

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bring in his harvest, and when he comes for harvest only find it laying on the orchard floor rotten.

### D. The place; *went up into a mountain*

Jesus chooses as His place of delivery for the discourse a mountain; a fitting place for exalted doctrine to be announced from. Mountains are significant in the bible. The Law was given to Moses on Mt. Sinai. Mt. Zion symbolizes the church. The place of the ascension in the Mt. of Olives-where Jesus again blessed the people. Calvary was in the future about to become the Mt. of Redemption at the crucifixion.

How appropriate the creator ascended a mountain to deliver such a discourse that would cause men-the multitudes-to ascend into the far reaching aspects of character in the Kingdom of God. Jesus who is well acquainted and very fond of I might say with the creation, and goes about proclaiming and making divine law from a place not from inside a room, a temple, or a house, but from a place where grass serves as the carpet for the multitudes, the blues sky as the roof of His sanctuary while He takes His place as King upon His throne- *a rock*.

### E. The style; *He opened his mouth*

Jesus then opened his mouth to speak. The divine law giver had opened the mouths of many of His subjects to speak for Him in the past. Many a prophet and proclaimers mouths he opened, but now it is only fitting as a prophet He should now open up His own mouth and teach the hearers of the divine characteristics which tell of who the blessed are, how they sound, what they look like and how they will act. The shepherd knows without a who are His and who are not, for He is intimately acquainted with those who are His.

Jesus did not always teach by opening His mouth. Jesus is a master teacher and taught many a lesson by His acts of love and kindness. Many teachers often do their most effective teaching without ever saying a word. Jesus' whole life was a teaching. But on this occasion as we was ascended up to an elevated place to proclaim and elevated message he spoke as a man who had something to say and wanted everyone to hear it. I imagine it was the spirited discourse ever delivered to man. I'm sure He had everyone hanging on every word.

## II. THE BEATITUDES IS A GRACE TEACHING

### A. Blessed and blessedness-

The quality of God's nature; and when one is indwelt with by God, and God's nature is in him. Meaning a person indwelt by the nature and quality of God himself is said to be in the Kingdom of God. The Kingdom of God is within him. **(Luke 17:21)**

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Blessed pours out of Jesus' mouth a stunning 9 times in a very short amount of time. Jesus did not start with some theme and then change it up as the message heated up. But stayed with the theme of being blessed, emphasizing the characteristics of a saved person.

#### B. Salvation vs. characteristics

1. Be taken as a whole
2. They all connect like links in a chain, or rungs on a ladder
3. They all ascend to a greater degree building on one another
4. They are to all be taken together.
5. Each blessing is appropriate to reward
6. Each blessing is self contained
7. The beatitudes contain paradoxes

C. The beatitudes lay the foundation for the whole discourse of the Sermon on the Mountain.

1. Matt 5:19-Commanded to live by them and teach them
2. Matt 5:48-Live in the manner of light each has received
3. The full covenant blessing is the same for all, although the deeper you go the more one may experience of the blessedness.

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