

Uncovering the Secrets of a Blessed Life

Matthew 5:1-12

Introduction: The Sermon on the Mount is the most famous sermon Jesus ever preached—It derives its name from the place where Jesus preached it; a mountainside that acted as a natural amphitheater along the shores of Galilee. **The Sermon on the Mount gives us a crystal clear understanding of God's holiness, God's kingdom and what a blessed life looks like on the inside and the outside.**

Seven important facts about blessedness defined by Jesus in the Beatitudes.

1. Blessedness is not related to material things.
2. Blessedness is available to all.
3. Blessedness is not dependent on cheerful external circumstances.
4. Blessedness is a present condition with great future rewards.
5. Blessedness requires intense courage and honesty to face our sinful bent and external pain and sacrifice to face the hostile world.
6. Blessedness is found within God's kingdom.
7. Blessedness is opposite to the world's definition of the good life.

The Eight Beatitudes (Matthew 5:1-12)

Beatitude One: *“Blessed are the poor in spirit, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven.”*

Beatitude Two: *“Blessed are those who mourn, for they shall be comforted.”*

Beatitude Three: *“Blessed are the meek, for they shall inherit the earth.”*

Beatitude Four: *“Blessed are those who hunger and thirst for righteousness, for they shall be satisfied.”*

Beatitude Five: *“Blessed are the merciful, for they shall receive mercy.”*

Beatitude Six: *“Blessed are the pure in heart, for they shall see God.”*

Beatitude Seven: *“Blessed are the peacemakers, for they shall be called sons of God.”*

Beatitude Eight: *“Blessed are those who are persecuted for righteousness’ sake, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven.”*

Conclusion: Two questions for you to ponder.

1. Given Jesus’ definition of blessedness: How blessed are you?
2. What kingdom qualities do you need most? God will build them into your life.