




Scripture Reading

Matt 5:1-12



Now when Jesus saw the crowds, he went up on a mountainside and sat down. His disciples came to him, 2 and he began to teach them.

The Beatitudes

He said:

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

**4 Blessed are those who mourn,
for they will be comforted.**

**5 Blessed are the meek,
for they will inherit the earth.**




6 Blessed are those who hunger and thirst for righteousness,

for they will be filled.

**7 Blessed are the merciful,
for they will be shown mercy.**

**8 Blessed are the pure in heart,
for they will see God.**

**9 Blessed are the peacemakers,
for they will be called children of God.**



**10 Blessed are those who are persecuted because of righteousness,
for theirs is the kingdom of heaven.**

11 “Blessed are you when people insult you, persecute you and falsely say all kinds of evil against you because of me. 12 Rejoice and be glad, because great is your reward in heaven, for in the same way they persecuted the prophets who were before you.



Beatitudes – How Can I Be Blessed?

Matt 5:1-12

The Spirit of Reconciliation



Father Larry Lynn, Film maker



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The Spirit of Reconciliation

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Y75z5Tf2Zlc>



Sermon on the Mount

Matt 5-7

**Values, character, and the nature of
the Kingdom of Heaven.**

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**Discipleship - Lifestyle of those who
are citizens of the Kingdom of
Heaven.**

Sermon on the Mount – Matt 5-7

A. Kingdom of Heaven – Values, Character, and the Purpose of its citizens. (5:1-16)

Beatitudes

Salt and Light of the World

B. Kingdom of Heaven – Its relationship with the Old Testament (or Israel) (5:17-48)

Fulfilment of the Law

Murder, Anger, Hatred, Forgiveness, and
Reconciliation

Adultery

Divorce

Oaths/Swearing

Eye for Eye, Turning Other Cheek

Love for Enemies

Sermon on the Mount – Matt 5-7

C. Kingdom of Heaven – Interior Life of its citizens (6:1-4)

Giving to the Needy
Prayer - Lord's Prayer
Fasting

D. Kingdom of Heaven – Its relationship with the World (6:19-34)

Treasures in Heaven. God. Mammon
Do Not Worry.

E. Kingdom of Heaven – Some Cautions. Be Discerning (7:1-12)

Judging Others
Importance of Prayer

Sermon on the Mount – Matt 5-7

F. Kingdom of Heaven – We Must Choose (7:13-27)

Narrow and the Wide Gate

True and False Prophets. Bearing Good Fruit.

True and False Disciples. Those who do the will of the Father.

Wise and Foolish Builder – Those who put Jesus' teaching into practice. Obedience.

G. Conclusion (7:28-8:1)

The Crowds

Beatitudes

Beatitudes – latin for blessed.

**Blessed - Gift from God that includes:
happiness, human flourishing, thriving,
goodness, and peace.**

Blessed - Relationship to the Biblical Story


Gen 1 – God blessed them and said, Be fruitful and multiply

Gen 12:1-3

“I will make you into a great nation,
and I will bless you;

I will make your name great,
and you will be a blessing.

3 I will bless those who bless you,
and whoever curses you I will curse;
and all peoples on earth
will be blessed through you.”



Blessed – God’s favor is upon you. God is on your side.

Story of Mary – Luke 1

**28 The angel went to her and said,
“Greetings, you who are highly favored! The Lord is with you.”**

41 When Elizabeth heard Mary’s greeting... she exclaimed: “Blessed are you among women, and blessed is the child you will bear!”

Blessed

Blessing is both a present reality and a future promise.

1st - for theirs is the kingdom of God.

2nd - for they will be comforted

3rd - for they will inherit the earth

4th - for they will be filled

5th - for they will be shown mercy

6th - for they will see God

7th - for they will be called children of God

8th - for theirs is the kingdom of God

Lord's Prayer

...your kingdom come,

...your will be done, on earth as it is in heaven.

Blessed

Blessed are ...

1st – the poor in spirit

2nd – those who mourn

3rd – the meek

4th – those who hunger and thirst for righteousness

5th – the merciful

6th – the pure in heart

7th – the peacemakers

8th – those who are persecuted because of righteousness

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First Beatitude – Poor in Spirit

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

“Blessed are you who are poor,
for yours is the kingdom of God. (Luke 6:20)

Q: Blessed are the poor or blessed are the
poor in spirit?

Q: Who are the poor in spirit?



Second Beatitude – Those who mourn

**Blessed are those who mourn,
for they will be comforted.**

Isa 61:1-4

**The Spirit of the Sovereign Lord is on me,
because the Lord has anointed me
to proclaim good news to the poor.**

**He has sent me to bind up the brokenhearted,
... to comfort all who mourn
... the oil of joy instead of mourning**



Third Beatitude – The meek

**Blessed are the meek,
for they will inherit the earth.**

**Meek – endure suffering and injury without
revenge. Non-violent.**

**Matt 11:29 Take my yoke upon you and learn
from me, for I am gentle and (meek, KJV)
humble in heart, and you will find rest for your
souls.**



Third Beatitude – The meek

**Blessed are the meek,
for they will inherit the earth.**

Psalm 37:10-11

**10A little while, and the wicked will be no
more; though you look for them, they will
not be found.**

**11 But the meek will inherit the land
and enjoy peace and prosperity.**



Fourth Beatitude

**Blessed are those who hunger and thirst for righteousness,
for they will be filled.**

**God's Righteousness – God's perfect holiness.
Includes his justice. God's moral character.
Our Righteous life – our moral and ethical
behaviour.**

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Fifth Beatitude – The merciful

**7 Blessed are the merciful,
for they will be shown mercy.**

Micah 6:8

**He has shown you, O mortal, what is good.
And what does the Lord require of you?**

**To act justly and to love mercy
and to walk humbly with your God.**



Sixth Beatitude – Pure in Heart

**Blessed are the pure in heart,
for they will see God.**

Psalm 24:3-4

3 Who may ascend the mountain of the Lord?

Who may stand in his holy place?

**4 The one who has clean hands and a pure heart,
who does not trust in an idol
or swear by a false god.**



Seventh Beatitude – The peacemakers

**Blessed are the peacemakers,
for they will be called children of God.**

Psalm 85:10

**Love and faithfulness meet together;
righteousness and peace kiss each other.**




Eighth Beatitude – The persecuted

Blessed are those who are persecuted because of righteousness,

for theirs is the kingdom of heaven.

Summary

11 “Blessed are you when people insult you, persecute you and falsely say all kinds of evil against you because of me. 12 Rejoice and be glad, because great is your reward in heaven, for in the same way they persecuted the prophets who were before you.



10:39 Whoever finds their life will lose it, and whoever loses their life for my sake will find it.

16:25 For whoever wants to save their life will lose it, but whoever loses their life for me will find it.