



DISCIPLES OF JESUS **“Kingdom Living” Matthew 5:1–12**

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Having embarked on his ministry by proclaiming the arrival of the Kingdom, Jesus began to teach in “The Sermon on the Mount” what it means to belong to the kingdom, how to behave as kingdom people and the blessedness of kingdom life.

Blessedness in the Kingdom.

The Beatitudes (Lat. beatus = blessed) – the state of Kingdom grace and favor.

- A. “The poor in spirit”
 - 1. Those who recognize and confess their spiritual impoverishment....
 - 2. Know the blessings of Kingdom riches – grace in time, glory in eternity.
- B. “Those who mourn”
 - 1. Those who grieve deeply over fallen-ness and its repercussions.
 - 2. Know the blessings of comfort - forgiveness now and the hope of glory.
- C. “The meek”
 - 1. Those who because they know A and B are genuinely humble.
 - 2. Know the blessings of enjoying/ anticipating their eternal inheritance.
- D. “Those who hunger and thirst for righteousness”
 - 1. Those with spiritual not material ambition to experience “rightness.”
 - 2. Know the blessings of seeing and anticipating righteousness appear.
- E. “Those who are merciful”
 - 1. Those whose compassion shows in curing, caring, healing and helping.
 - 2. Know the blessing of temporal care and ultimate healing from above.
- F. “Those who are pure in heart”
 - 1. Those whose motives and desires are unmixed - genuinely sincere.
 - 2. Know the blessing of communion with God now and in eternity.
- G. “The peacemakers”
 - 1. Those who knowing peace with God seek peace on earth. Romans 12:18
 - 2. Know the blessing of being recognized as related to the “God of peace.”
- H. “Those who are persecuted because of righteousness”
 - 1. Those who live out their kingdom calling with courage and endurance.
 - 2. Know the settled assurance that the Kingdom is theirs because of Jesus.

Points to ponder: Jesus said this “small gate” and “narrow way” leads to life!! Matthew 7:14.