

Blessed are the Pure in Heart, For They Shall See God



Matthew 5:8

- The Sermon on the Mount, found in Matthew Chapters 5-7, contains the words of Jesus Christ as He taught His disciples at the outset of His earthly ministry.
- Matthew 5:1-12, begins with the “beatitudes” which describes the character of every Kingdom citizen.

A. As we study these Eight Beatitudes found in Matthew 5:1-10, it will help us to grow in our understanding of what it means to be a follower of Jesus Christ.

1. I believe we will learn the distinguishing marks of what it means to be a true Christian and not a carnal Christian.
2. I believe it will cause us to search our own hearts and view our own lives from Christ’s perspective and not the world’s perspective.
3. I believe these qualities reveal the true character of the citizens of the Kingdom of God. The blessing for every Kingdom citizen is the hope and glorious reward that we can expect both now and for eternity.

- The Purpose: to teach us what it truly means to be a true follower of Jesus Christ.
- The Goal: to make us aware of our need for God and to help us to pursue a life that is well-pleasing in the sight of God.
- The word “blessed” is known to mean happy or fortunate. There is a happiness that supersedes what’s happening around us – that is the inner joy and peace that Jesus Christ gives to every true believer.

○ Lessons Taught:

1. (Matthew 5:3) – Blessed are the poor in spirit, For theirs is the kingdom of heaven.
 - Being “poor in spirit” is to be in spiritual poverty; to be conscious of one’s continual dependence on God.
2. (Matthew 5:4) – Blessed are those who mourn, For they shall be comforted.”
 - The word “mourn” means to feel or express grief or sorrow; to have a broken heart over or to be in wailing.

- It is a deep sorrow or to be broken hearted over the state of the world due to sin and the destruction it causes in the life of both believers and unbelievers.
 - (Matthew 5:5) – Blessed are the meek or humble, for they shall inherit the earth.”
 - Jesus Christ demonstrated meekness by His willingness to sacrifice His life for the life of many. (John 3:16, John 4:34, John 9:4-5)
 - The word “meek” means mild temper, gentle, or humble.
 - The word “meekness” does not mean weakness. In other words, it means power under control. (Proverbs 16:32, 25:28)
4. (Matthew 5:6) – “Blessed are those who hunger and thirst for righteousness, for they shall be filled.”
- To hunger and thirst is to have a starving spirit and a parched soul that craves for righteousness.
 - The blessed believers truly hunger and thirst (genuine craving) each and every day to life for Christ and bring glory and honor to His name.
5. Blessed are the merciful, for they shall obtain mercy.” (Matthew 5:7)
- To be “merciful” means to be actively compassionate.
 - It means to withhold punishment from guilty offenders. It means to forgive those who been justly accused of all wrongdoing.
 - God’s mercy is a reflected in the cross of Christ and it’s a direct reflection of His love, forgiveness and compassion for all mankind. (Ephesians 2:4-10)
 - God’s mercy not only shows us who He is, but it also reveals who we are. (1 John 3:11-18)
 - Christ-centered people can see the world through God’s perspective, and they willingly allow His love and mercy to flow in and through their lives.
 - Those who are recipients of God’s great mercy, should also be merciful toward others.
 - God instructs every believer to be merciful. (Luke 6:30-36)

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- Jesus declares, “Blessed are the pure in heart, for they shall see God.” The pure in heart are blessed (happy, fortunate) and given an amazing promise and assurance that they shall see God. (Matthew 5:8)

- 1. The word “pure” means to have a clean heart; to be honest, to be unmixed, unpolluted; to be cleansed, purged and forgiven. (Psalm 24:3-5)
- 2. It means to be holy; to have a single purpose, single focus or single-minded, devoted to Jesus Christ and to bring glory and honor to God.
- 3. The “heart” is the center of who you are. The “heart” is considered to be the center of our soul (the mind, will, and emotions).
 - The believer must trust the Lord with their entire being. As believers we must put our hope and trust in Jesus Christ alone. (Proverbs 3:5)
- 4. Being pure in heart does not mean that a person is flawless, perfect or without mistakes.
 - (Acts 13:22) – King David is a good example, he wasn’t perfect, but he was a man after God’s own heart. David loved God with singleness of heart, not that he was sinless.

- How do we keep our hearts pure before God?
 1. Through studying and meditating on the Word of God. (2 Timothy 2:15, Hebrews 4:12, 2 Corinthians 10:3-5, Joshua 1:8, Psalm 119:11)
 2. Through prayer and daily devotion with God. (2 Chronicles 7:14, 1 Thessalonians 5:16-18, 1 John 5:14-15, James 1:5-8, 5:16-18, Matthew 6:6)
 3. Through our obedience to God. (Luke 11:28, 1 Peter 1:13-15, Isaiah 1:19, James 1:22-25, Matthew 7:24-27, John 15:15, 14:15, 2 John 1:6)
 4. Through living a holy and righteous life before God. (1 Thessalonians 4:1-8, Romans 12:1-2, Titus 2:11-14, Colossians 3:5-10, 1 Timothy 6:11, 1 John 2:28-29)