

➤ **Intro:**

- **Matt. 5:1-12 Sermon on the Mount:**

➤ - **map:** traditional **Mount of Beatitudes** - Jesus traveling throughout Galilee and preaching (Matt. 4:)

➤ **Sermon on the Mount: A Call to be Like Your Heavenly Father — Christ-Like**

- **beatitudes:**

- **word** "beatitude":

- **word** not found in the English Bible, but derived from the Latin Vulgate

- **means** blessed, blessedness, happy — **what makes us happy - different happiness than the world**

- **two categories** of beatitudes: 9 total (7 & 2)

- **seven** relate to character

- **two** relate to persecution

- **most beatitudes are paradoxical:** the opposite of the world's view — **Christians think diff than world**

➤ - **be perfect, like God — Sermon on the Mount**

- **perfect:** meet the goal set before us, of being like our heavenly Father — therefore to be complete, mature

- **Matt. 5:43-48 love and be perfect as Father** in heaven is perfect

➤ - **hear Jesus and act — Sermon on the Mount**

- **Matt. 7:21-24 hear Christ's words and ACT** upon them - Christ-Like

- **illus.: hurricane** (Katrina, last year), people who heard the governor's order to evacuate prior to a hurricane, some acted and saved, others not act and not saved from hurricane (death)

- **Jn. 12:48** judged by Jesus word

- **Heb. 5:9** obey Jesus, saved

➤ Character and Blessings of Christ's Disciple

- because you are **poor in spirit**, you'll **receive the kingdom of heaven**: — vs. 3
 - **poor in spirit**: humble and contrite spirit in light of God's power and might - deep sense of nothingness before God — **#1 start**
- - **Is. 6:1-5** Isaiah's reaction to the throne scene — **our reaction in heaven?**
- - **1 Pet. 5:5-6** humble self under mighty hand of God - God opposed to proud / gives grace to humble
- **humble / exalted**: — **receive kingdom of heaven**
- - **Ja. 4:4-10** world v. God, God opposed to proud but gives grace to humble, submit to God, resist the devil, be miserable and mourn and weep — **humble and God will exalt**
- 2 - **1 Pet. 5:6** humble, God exalt you at the proper time — **heaven**

- - when you **mourn**, you will be **comforted**: — vs. 4
- - **2 Cor. 7:10** **mourn as a result of sin** — **repent & conform to God's will - comforted, peace w/God**
- - **Lk. 6:25** well-fed now, shall be hungry / laugh now, shall mourn and weep
- **Ja. 4:9** miserable and mourn and weep / laughter be turned into mourning and your joy to gloom
 - **illus.: Acts 8:14-24** Simon's sin
 - **rf. Acts 8:39** **comforted** as a result of forgiveness, salvation — **Ethiopian eunuch**
- - **Ja. 1:2-4** **trials / comforted**, know they help us get to heaven — **comforted in heaven**
 - **Rom. 5:3-5** rejoice in tribulation - perseverance, character, hope, not disappoint
 - **illus.: Hymn, It Is Well With My Soul (#626)**, written by Horatio Spafford, a wealthy business man, as a ship he was sailing on passed over the place where his wife and 4 children died when the Ville du Havre sank at about 2:00 AM on November 22, 1873

- - because you are **gentle (meek)**, you will **inherit the earth**: — vs. 5
- - **meek**: inner strength, the disposition toward God to accept His dealings as good, and therefore without disputing or resisting. Therefore, meekness toward evil people is reliance on spiritual strength from God to endure trials and persecutions according to God's will.
 - **illus.: Theodore Roosevelt, Walk softly and carry a big stick** — **inner strength (Rom. 1:16; 1 Th. 2:13)**
 - **illus.: 1 Pet. 2:20-23; Heb. 12:1-3** Jesus' inner strength
- **inherit the earth in two ways**:
 - - **Matt. 6:31-33; Phil. 4:4-7** **physical and emotional blessings** - food, clothing - rejoice, gentle, peace
 - - **Rev. 21:1-4** **spiritual blessings (new heaven and new earth)** - holy city, new heaven & earth, wedding
 - 2 - **Rev. 3:21** overcome, sit down with Jesus on throne — **heaven**
 - **Rev. 5:10** reign with Christ on the earth — **church**

- **End Part I**
 - **beatitudes: blessings - what makes us happy**
 - **poor in spirit, mourn, meek (gentle)**
 - **Col. 1:9-11** made possible through God's word (**rf. Rom. 1:16; 1 Th. 2:13**)
 - **Inv.:** true happiness and spiritual fulfillment

➤ **Part II**

➤ 6 - review: page 1

➤ - review: poor in spirit, mourn, meek (gentle)

➤ - because you **hunger and thirst for righteousness, you will be filled: — vs. 6**

- “**hunger and thirst for righteousness**” denotes doing whatever is necessary to be in right condition with God

➤ - **Lk. 14:16-21** no excuses, make excuses = not hunger and thirst - angry — **God, excuses today**

➤ - **Lk. 14:25-27, 33** cost — **what it means to hunger and thirst for righteousness - God first**

- **illus.: R - Lk. 19:1-10** Zaccheus, sinner (**vs. 7**), actions showed hungered and thirsted — **no excuses, pay cost**

- **these will be spiritually fulfilled - righteous**

➤ - **Rom. 7:14-8:3** spiritually fulfilled only in Christ — **righteous - happy, peace, content, purpose**

- **rf. Jn. 4:10; Rev. 22:1-2** — **Jesus gives living water**

➤ - because you are **merciful, you will receive mercy: — vs. 7**

➤ - “**mercy**” “. . . is the **outward manifestation of pity**; it **assumes need** on the part of him who receives it, and **resources adequate** to meet the need on the part of him who shows it” (Vines)

- **illus.: Eph. 2:4** God’s mercy, salvation

- **illus.: Lk. 10:30-37** Good Samaritan, mercy = love neighbor

➤ - **God will only be merciful to us, if we are merciful to others — salvation & treatment of others**

- **illus.: Matt. 18:23-35** parable of king settling accounts with 2 slaves

➤ - **Matt. 25:31-33, 34-40, 41-46** judgment, treatment of others, eternity

➤ - **Ja. 1:26-27; 2:14-17** way we treat others reflects our faith / living or dead / godly or demonic

➤ - because you are **pure in heart, you shall see God: — vs. 8**

- **faithful Christians are pure in heart — pure motives and thoughts (Col. 3:1)**

➤ - **Heb. 9:14** conscience cleansed with blood of Christ — **baptized (Acts 22:16; Rev. 7:14)**

➤ - **Acts 15:9** hearts cleansed by faith

➤ - **Col. 3:1** mind set on things above (pure), since been raised with Christ — **baptized (Col. 2:9-13)**

➤ - **will see God in heaven**

- **Rev. 22:1-4** see God and Jesus face to face — **eternal life in heaven — what will you do?**

➤ - as a **peacemaker, you are called a son of God: — vs. 9**

- **God is a peacemaker**

➤ - **2 Cor. 13:11** God is a God of peace

➤ - **Is. 9:6** Jesus is the Prince of Peace

- **God’s children are peacemakers**

➤ - **Rom. 5:1** peace with God, in obedience to His commands — make peace with God by obeying

➤ - **Rom. 12:18-21** peace with men — do everything possible to be at peace

- **God’s children are peacemakers because they are like their Father — sons of God**

➤ - **Matt. 5:48** be perfect, as heavenly Father

➤ **The persecution you experience as Christ's disciple — vs. 10-12**

- **rejoice when persecuted, your reward in heaven is great** — persecution can take many forms: exclusion from groups, cold shoulder, less popularity, name calling, emotional and physical violence

- **Ja. 1:2-4** joy, perfect — **different from world** — **with character in beatitudes**

- **Phil. 1:29** it's an honor to suffer for the Lord's sake — **like Jesus, apostles, prophets**

➤ - **rejoice because your name is written in heaven** — **saved**

- **Rev. 3:5** Jesus confess your name before Father and angels, name not be erased

- **Rev. 20:11-15** rejoice, anticipate the day - judgment

➤ **Summary / Inv.**

➤ - **have the character and enjoy the blessings** of God's children — **review slide**

- **rejoice in persecutions**, knowing your name will be confessed in heaven, be rewarded at judgment

➤ - **Inv.**