

The Sermon on the Mount

[Matthew 5:1-16](#)

“Are You Blessed?” – May 30, 2021



Introduction

God's Kingdom is God's people in God's place under God's rule. The Kingdom is already, but not quite yet. Soon and very soon, we hope this Kingdom will come to fruition in the return of Christ our King. Jesus in Matthew 5 lets us know more about how the people of his Kingdom should look and act. He says those who reflect these beatitudes are blessed. We often equate blessing with material goods, but to be blessed here is to be finally satisfied and content no matter the circumstance. Are you blessed?

Pray

Before you begin, take some time to ask God to help you understand His word, to reveal what needs to change in you, and for the grace to follow Him in response. To help, use [Psalm 119:33-40](#) as a prayer for God to open His word up to you.

Sermon Outline

- I. Who rules the Kingdom? ([vs 1-2](#))
- II. What are the values of this Kingdom? ([vs 3-12](#))
- III. How should citizens of this kingdom act? ([vs 13-16](#))

Read & Discuss

- 1) Read [1-2](#)

Who is Jesus, and what gives Him the authority to talk about this Kingdom? Why should we trust His ideas of blessedness over our own? Jesus speaks with authority on the matter because He is God in human flesh. He not only comes from this Kingdom, but He created this Kingdom. In what ways might you be guilty of placing your own ideas or preferences above Jesus' ideas of Kingdom and goals? The religious leaders of Jesus' time on earth expected and wanted a king and Kingdom utterly different than what Jesus brought. Jesus' Kingdom is not of this world. Do you believe the beatitudes are true and right? We should because they come from the way, the truth, and the life.

Additional Reading: [Hebrews 1:3](#), [John 1](#), [Revelation 19:16](#), [John 18:33-40](#)

- 2) Read [3-12](#)

The blessings show the “already” in the blessing portion and the “not yet” promise. What does it look like for us to live a life poor of spirit? It looks like a life marked by humility. A life that sees our own wretchedness and lives in a conscious confession of our need for God. Is our pride undone by our spiritual bankruptcy?

Have you ever mourned before? If you've lived long enough, it's a natural thing to experience. There is nothing wrong with mourning. Jesus mourned, and we are called to mourn with those who mourn. However, the main point here is mourning our sin. Have you rightly mourned over your sin and how it affects others and grieves the God who made us? As we grieve over our sin, it's the sight of God and the reconciliation that brings everlasting comfort to us by his forgives given to us by His Son, Jesus Christ.

Do you look up to the arrogant or to the meek? Meekness is not weakness. It's a controlled desire to see others' interests over our own. How can you be meek when worldliness is far from it? We can do this because God is trustworthy. He is our strength. He is working all things out for our good and his glory.

Are you hungering and thirsting for righteousness? We should make every effort or live our life for him as if we were starving for it. This is where satisfaction is found.

Being merciful is the natural result of receiving Christ's mercy. The best example of mercy is Christ, who took the cross for us. There is no excuse for not being merciful to each other.

To be pure in heart means to have a heart that is not divided. A heart that does not have one foot in God's Kingdom and one foot in our Kingdom. We can't serve two masters. This pure in heart isn't an outward appearance because church, we can't fake it with God. The Lord looks at the heart.

We learn in the beatitudes that Christians should be peacemakers in all situations. This can be hard but worth it. Living out the values of the Christian, we are not promised worldly goods or freedom here, but persecution. How are we blessed if we are persecuted? Because we are accepted by the King. We are adopted as His sons and daughters. How much of our lives are spent protecting or preventing persecution? How often does that hinder our evangelism? Make a point this week to lean into fear and share the gospel.

Additional Reading: [Jesus's Sermon on the Mount and His Confrontation with the World by D.A. Carson](#), [2 Cor 5:21](#), [Eph. 2:4-7](#), [1 Samuel 16:7](#), [Phil 3:8-9](#), [2 Tim 3:12](#)

3) Read [13-16](#)

Are you salt in light in this world? Do you see the world decaying around you? Christ calls us to preserve life. How are you preserving life and displaying His light to the world around you in love? We can do this by living out these beatitudes and being people of the Kingdom.

Additional Reading:

Prayer of Response

- 1) After hearing God's Word, what sin do I need to *confess*? From what do I need to *repent*?
- 2) How should my life be lived this week based on what I have heard? What should I *understand*, *believe*, *desire*, or *do*?

Spend time praying together in response to God's word asking for His help and greater faith to follow Him in the week to come.

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***Next week's sermon text:** we turn to [Colossians 2:6](#) "**Continue in Christ**"