

## MATTHEW 5:5-16

### Introduction:

1. The Sermon on the Mount is found in Chapters 5-7. Here in Chapter 5, Jesus speaks on what is known as the Beatitudes (Blessed ones). Christ begins to teach His disciples the holy and righteous nature of the kingdom on earth one day.
2. If the requirements seem to be heavy, it is because that is exactly what was intended. The kingdom's law and principles are beyond human ability. They will be impossible to keep apart from regeneration (new birth).

\* It is only when the New Covenant is in place, and only then, will there be true righteousness -  
\* heaven on earth. Only then will obedience (Sermon on the Mount) of these laws of the kingdom be  
\* lived out by the individual believing Jew (Jeremiah 31:31-34; Ezekiel 36:24-28).

3. Also remember, during the time of the kingdom - where the Sermon on the Mount is lived out, not only will believing Israel have a new heart-spirit within them, but also:

- a. The world will be back under Christ's control:

Revelation 11:15 - And the seventh angel sounded; and there were great voices in heaven, saying, The kingdoms of this world are become *the kingdoms* of our Lord, and of his Christ; and he shall reign for ever and ever.

Isaiah 9:6-7 - For unto us a child is born, unto us a son is given: and the government shall be upon his shoulder: and his name shall be called Wonderful, Counsellor, The mighty God, The everlasting Father, The Prince of Peace. Isa. 9:7 Of the increase of *his* government and peace *there shall be* no end, upon the throne of David, and upon his kingdom, to order it, and to establish it with judgment and with justice from henceforth even for ever. The zeal of the LORD of hosts will perform this.

- b. Man's flesh - sickness will be almost abolished because the healer will be present. The Spirit and Law in their minds and hearts will help to control against temptations (Isa. 35:3-6).

Isaiah 65:20 - There shall be no more thence an infant of days, nor an old man that hath not filled his days: for the child shall die an hundred years old; but the sinner *being* an hundred years old shall be accursed.

- c. The devil will be chained up for the 1000 years! Revelation 20:1-3 - [And I saw an angel come down from heaven, having the key of the bottomless pit and a great chain in his hand. Rev. 20:2 And he laid hold on the dragon, that old serpent, which is the Devil, and Satan, and bound him a thousand years, Rev. 20:3 And cast him into the bottomless pit, and shut him up, and set a seal upon him, that he should deceive the nations no more, till the thousand years should be fulfilled: and after that he must be loosed a little season.]

\*\*With these things (world-flesh-devil) under God's control, these principles from the Sermon on the Mount will be fulfilled.

A.

Matthew 5:5 - Blessed *are* the meek: for they shall inherit the earth.

1. This is one who is gentle, mild, power under **control**, with courage.

\*Moses - Numbers 12:3 - (Now the man Moses *was* very meek, above all the men which *were* upon the face of the earth.)

2. Meekness has the idea of having **peace** while under pressure. They will [inherit the earth].

\*In the Tribulation the believing Israel will **bear** with it and then go into their land.

Psalm 37:9, 11 - For evildoers shall be cut off: but those that wait upon the LORD, they shall inherit the earth. Psalm 37:11 But the meek shall inherit the earth; and shall delight themselves in the abundance of peace.

B.

Matthew 5:6 - Blessed *are* they which do hunger and thirst after righteousness: for they shall be filled.

1. They are to be desperate, seeking, and **desiring** that lifestyle (godly) that matches kingdom living.

Isaiah 26:9 - With my soul have I desired thee in the night; yea, with my spirit within me will I seek thee early: for when thy judgments *are* in the earth, the inhabitants of the world will learn righteousness.

2. It is one's heart and soul that **craves** after righteousness that Christ is going to bring.

\*\*Aren't we better off when we do that? One said: "The less things in life we have, the **happier** we will be."

Psalm 63:1-3 - A Psalm of David, when he was in the wilderness of Judah. O God, thou *art* my God; early will I seek thee: my soul thirsteth for thee, my flesh longeth for thee in a dry and thirsty land, where no water is; Psalm 63:2 To see thy power and thy glory, so *as* I have seen thee in the sanctuary. Psalm 63:3 Because thy lovingkindness *is* better than life, my lips shall praise thee.

C.

Matthew 5:7 - Blessed *are* the merciful: for they shall obtain mercy.

1. Mercy given will come back to you!

Matthew 7:2 - For with what judgment ye judge, ye shall be judged: and with what measure ye mete, it shall be measured to you again.

\*Mercy has the idea to have **pity** on one or to be compassionate toward someone. It is the feeling of sympathy, withholding from one what they **deserve**. (Movie-Kingdom of Heaven)

2. Us: Ephesians 2:4 - But God, who is rich in mercy, for his great love wherewith he loved us,

Titus 3:5 - Not by works of righteousness which we have done, but according to his mercy he saved us, by the washing of regeneration, and renewing of the Holy Ghost;

D.

Matthew 5:8 - Blessed *are* the pure in heart: for they shall see God.

1. This is a specific promise to these believers. (Emmanuel)

Psalm 24:3-4, 7 - Who shall ascend into the hill of the LORD? or who shall stand in his holy place?  
Psalm 24:4 He that hath clean hands, and a pure heart; who hath not lifted up his soul unto vanity, nor sworn deceitfully. Psalm 24:7 Lift up your heads, O ye gates; and be ye lift up, ye everlasting doors; and the King of glory shall come in.

Isaiah 33:15, 17 - He that walketh righteously, and speaketh uprightly; he that despiseth the gain of oppressions, that shaketh his hands from holding of bribes, that stoppeth his ears from hearing of blood, and shutteth his eyes from seeing evil; Isaiah 33:17 Thine eyes shall see the king in his beauty: they shall behold the land that is very far off.

2. Us? If we desire God's presence through dedication, holiness, and obedience, will we see Him literally in this life? They will!

E.

<u>Matthew 5:9</u> - Blessed <i>are</i> the peacemakers: for they shall be called the children of God.
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1. To-  
day, peace-  
be charac-

makers are not generally called "the children of God"! But the promised kingdom will be characterized by the peace that Christ and His leaders will bring.

Isaiah 2:4 - And he shall judge among the nations, and shall rebuke many people: and they shall beat their swords into plowshares, and their spears into pruninghooks: nation shall not lift up sword against nation, neither shall they learn war any more.

Isaiah 9:6-7 - For unto us a child is born, unto us a son is given: and the government shall be upon his shoulder: and his name shall be called Wonderful, Counsellor, The mighty God, The everlasting Father, The Prince of Peace. Isaiah 9:7 Of the increase of *his* government and peace *there shall be* no end, upon the throne of David, and upon his kingdom, to order it, and to establish it with judgment and with justice from henceforth even for ever. The zeal of the LORD of hosts will perform this.

2. One day the peace that flows from sincere love will flow from Jerusalem to the ends of the earth.

\*Us - We should always try to seek peace, not in view of the kingdom, but as fellow-members of the Body of Christ.

Romans 5:1 - Therefore being justified by faith, we have peace with God through our Lord Jesus Christ:

Romans 14:19 - Let us therefore follow after the things which make for peace, and things wherewith one may edify another.

3. The first time Christ came, He did not come to bring national peace!

Luke 12:51-53 - Suppose ye that I am come to give peace on earth? I tell you, Nay; but rather division: Luke 12:52 For from henceforth there shall be five in one house divided, three against two, and two against three. Luke 12:53 The father shall be divided against the son, and the son against the father; the mother against the daughter, and the daughter against the mother; the mother in law against her daughter in law, and the daughter in law against her mother in law.

\*It is His second coming that will bring about peace.

F. Matthew 5:10-12 - Blessed *are* they which are persecuted for righteousness' sake: for theirs is the kingdom of heaven. Matt. 5:11 Blessed are ye, when *men* shall revile you, and persecute *you*, and shall say all manner of evil against you falsely, for my sake. Matt. 5:12 Rejoice, and be exceeding glad: for great *is* your reward in heaven: for so persecuted they the prophets which were before you.

1. Actually this is one Beatitude, having to do with persecution, that the Lord's disciples were to pass. For doing **right**, they will be persecuted and **falsely** accused of doing wrong. But do not miss it - it says for righteousness sake and for Christ's sake.

\*\*If they stand faithful, they will be **rewarded in** the kingdom (vs. 10).

2. Their rewards would be **stored** up in heaven and then given to them when the kingdom is established on earth.

Jeremiah 23:5 - Behold, the days come, saith the LORD, that I will raise unto David a righteous Branch, and a King shall reign and prosper, and shall execute judgment and justice in the earth.

Luke 2:14 - Glory to God in the highest, and on earth peace, good will toward men.

Matthew 6:10 - Thy kingdom come. Thy will be done in earth, as *it is* in heaven.

I Peter 1:4 - To an inheritance incorruptible, and undefiled, and that fadeth not away, reserved in heaven for you,

Rev. 22:12 - And, behold, I come quickly; and my reward *is* with me, to give every man according as his work shall be.

3. The apostles **did** rejoice in their sufferings for Christ and proven in Acts 5. They were **bullied** and **beaten** by the **religious** rulers, who were insisting that the apostles **stop** speaking about Christ.

Acts 5:41-42 - And they departed from the presence of the council, rejoicing that they were counted worthy to suffer shame for his name. Acts 5:42 And daily in the temple, and in every house, they ceased not to teach and preach Jesus Christ.

4. However, when we today suffer, Philippians 3:10 says we are fellowshiping in **His** sufferings.

Colossians 1:24 - Who now rejoice in my sufferings for you, and fill up that which is behind of the afflictions of Christ in my flesh for his body's sake, which is the church:

- a. Question? Who today actually bears the present anger of those against Christ? **We** believers do. We take the Lord's suffering that He would have suffered if He were still on the earth.

\*\*Paul says that as Christ had gone to Calvary in Paul's stead (place), so Paul now stood before men in Christ's **stead**.

- b. We are His representatives in His absence and we can rejoice in any attacks the lost put on us... even suffering with Christ's name. We have a special relationship to the rejection of Christ. We live in an age of rejection and we bear **His** rejection in the world. When we live as His ambassadors here, the world is going to react to us **as** they would react to Him.

5. So yes, there is application for the spirit of these Beatitudes, but we cannot apply them **doctrinally**.

G. Matthew 5:13-16 - Ye are the salt of the earth: but if the salt have lost his savour, wherewith shall it be salted? it is thenceforth good for nothing, but to be cast out, and to be trodden under foot of men. Matt. 5:14 Ye are the light of the world. A city that is set on an hill cannot be hid. Matt. 5:15 Neither do men light a candle, and put it under a bushel, but on a candlestick; and it giveth light unto all that are in the house. Matt. 5:16 Let your light so shine before men, that they may see your good works, and glorify your Father which is in heaven.

1. Israel was to be **salt** and **light** to the world. By their faith, they were to be the **example** to their **own** nation and later to all the world. They had miserably **failed** and Christ will show how much in just a few verses.

2. Salt and light affect things. Salt influences things. It helps to **stop** corruption. Believers are not sugar sticks, but salty. Salt will **sting** you. It has a **bite** to it, and when it does, it **heals**. So salt is a preservative, it will get rid of corruption and flavors things.

\*\*The idea is for Israel to be a preservative-preservation of the nation, but the **rest** of the nation is to be **cast out**.

3. Israel's **Little Flock**, in verses 15-16, were Israel's only hope of displaying God's light. God's truth was never intended to be hidden, but is to be **displayed** for others to see, understand, and believe - which glorifies **God**.

Luke 15:8 - Either what woman having ten pieces of silver, if she lose one piece, doth not light a candle, and sweep the house, and seek diligently till she find *it*?

\*She sweeps through the whole house to find that **one** thing of value. The context is to **be light** in order to find the rest of the lost sheep of the house of Israel - **Little Flock**.

Zechariah 13:8-9 - And it shall come to pass, *that* in all the land, saith the LORD, two parts therein shall be cut off *and* die; but the third shall be left therein. Zech. 13:9 And I will bring the third part through the fire, and will refine them as silver is refined, and will try them as gold is tried: they shall call on my name, and I will hear them: I will say, It *is* my people: and they shall say, The LORD *is* my God.

Isaiah 60:1-3 - Arise, shine; for thy light is come, and the glory of the LORD is risen upon thee.

Isaiah 60:2 For, behold, the darkness shall cover the earth, and gross darkness the people: but the LORD shall arise upon thee, and his glory shall be seen upon thee. Isaiah 60:3 And the Gentiles shall come to thy light, and kings to the brightness of thy rising.