

THE BEATITUDES OF JESUS: MATTHEW 5:3-12

BEATITUDE	O.T. ANTECEDENT	MEANING	OPPOSITE	BLESSING	PRESENT PROVISION	FUTURE PROMISE
Poor in spirit	Isaiah 61:1-3	Spiritually bankrupt; utterly dependent on God	Self-sufficient	Theirs is the kingdom of heaven	Present salvation (Grace now)	Heaven (Glory later)
Those who mourn	Isaiah 61:1-3	Those who are grieved by the impact of sin (their own and others)	Arrogance	They shall be comforted	Forgiveness, restoration, recovery, ministry impact	No more sin, no more tears (Rev. 21:3-4; Psa 16:11)
The meek	Psalms 37:1-11	Unassuming humility that rests in God and renounces self-effort to relieve one's oppression and to achieve one's desires.	Domineering manipulation	They shall inherit the earth	Present enjoyment of covenantal blessings and spiritual inheritance (Eph. 1:18; Col. 1:12; Heb. 9:15)	Citizenship in a new heaven and a new earth (Rev. 20-22).
Hunger/Thirst for righteousness	Psalms 107:5-9; also Psalms 42:1-2; 63:1	Those who long for rightness with God with desperate urgency.	Those who feed "soul hunger" with the world's "junk food."	They shall be filled	Justification, Sanctification, Recovery	Glorification, Renewal of all things
The merciful	Prov. 14:21; 17:5; Exodus 34:6; Micah 6:8	Compassion expressed in forgiveness (repentant guilty) and aid (hurting)	Demandingness; Condemnation (Luke 6:37-38)	They shall receive mercy	Repeated forgiveness (1 John 1:9)	Mercy on the Day of Judgment
Pure in heart	Psalms 24:3-4; 51:10; Jer. 24:7; Ezek. 11:19; 36:25-27.	Those who, having been purified, are growing in sincerity, integrity, transparency	Hypocrisy (Matt. 15:1-20)	They shall see God	Recognition of God-in-Christ (John 1:14, 18; 14:9; 2 Cor. 4:6; Heb 11:27)	Face-to-face fellowship (Job 19:25-27; Rev. 22:4)
Peacemakers	Isaiah 9:6-7; 52:7	Those who promote wholeness and harmony within and among others	Sectarian division	They shall be called sons of God	Agents of reconciliation and unity (Mat. 5:43-48; Eph 2, 4)	Participation in the "Shalom" of the New Jerusalem (Isa 60:3-5; Rev. 21:24-27)
Persecuted for righteousness' sake	1 Kings 19:10; 2 Chr. 36:15-16; Neh. 9:26	Those to whom the unrighteous react with animosity	Those who compromise integrity to win approval	Theirs is the kingdom of heaven	Fellowship with persecuted saints and with Jesus (Acts 5:40-41; Phil 3:10; Heb 11-12:1)	Glory in the Heavenly Kingdom (Rom 8:17-18)

