

# Beatitudes

- **Blessed are the poor in spirit** - the humble, those who acknowledge their need for God
- **Blessed are those who are persecuted because of righteousness** - suffer due to their obedience to God
- **For theirs is the Kingdom of Heaven** – they will continue to live under the rule/reign of Jesus

Humility and faithfulness don't get us into the Kingdom (repentance and faith do), but they 'keep' us living under the rule of Jesus

## MATTHEW 5:1-16



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- **Blessed are those who mourn** – grieve the state of their own hearts and their communities; mourn the evil and suffering in the world
- **for they will be comforted** – He will wipe away every tear; no more mourning or crying; Rev 21.4
- **Blessed are the meek** - Jesus describes Himself this way (translated 'gentle'); don't throw weight around or push their agenda
- **for they will inherit the earth** - new heaven and earth; Rev 21.7

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- **Blessed are those who hunger and thirst for righteousness** - desperate to see God's will done in their lives and in their communities
- **for they will be filled** – that desire will be satisfied; Rev 21.6 and 22.3
- **Blessed are the merciful** - treat others compassionately, not as they deserve; forgive; meet needs
- **for they will be shown mercy** – with the measure we use it will be measured back to us; Rev 22.2

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- **Blessed are the pure in heart** - singularly devoted to God
- **for they will see God** – He will reveal Himself to them; Rev 22.4
  
- **Blessed are the peacemakers** – those who help reconcile people to one another and to God; carry *shalom*
- **for they will be called children of God** – will live as part of God's family; Rev 21.7

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# Who is Blessed?

Jesus says	We say
<b>Poor in spirit</b> – the humble, those who acknowledge need for God	Self-reliant, independent for they will get what they work for
<b>Those who mourn</b> – grieve for state of their hearts and their communities	The carefree, those who don't get involved in sufferings of others for they will enjoy life
<b>Meek</b> - gentle; don't throw their weight around, push their agenda	Assertive for they will get their way
<b>Merciful</b> – treat others with compassion not as they deserve	Those who get even for they will not be doormats

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<b>Those who hunger for righteousness</b> – desperate to see God's will done in their lives and communities	Those who cut corners, take advantage, play the game for they will get ahead
<b>Pure in heart</b> – singularly devoted to God	Chameleons for they will fit in anywhere
<b>Peacemakers</b> – help reconcile people to God and people to one another; bring <i>shalom</i>	Contentious for they will win the arguments and get things done
<b>Persecuted for righteousness</b> – suffer for doing God's will	Popular for the world will be at their feet

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**Salt - primary function  
was a preservative**



**Light – illuminates;  
allows us to see  
things more clearly**

