

BEATITUDES

a study on the sermon on the mount



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Living Waters Inspirations began as a humble online ministry with a simple yet profound mission: to spread Christ-centered, biblically sound messages to a wider audience. Founded on the conviction that the teachings of Jesus and the wisdom of the Bible can transform lives, we started by sharing daily posts and reflections on Facebook. These posts were crafted to inspire, encourage, and deepen the faith of our growing community, offering them spiritual nourishment and guidance in their daily walk with Christ.

Over time, the ministry blossomed, and the impact of our messages reached beyond our initial expectations. Recognizing the thirst for more in-depth and accessible biblical teaching, we expanded our efforts to include a dedicated website. This site features a blog that houses all of our posts and studies, providing a centralized resource where individuals can explore a wealth of spiritual content at their own pace.

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About This Study

We are going to spend the next 8 days in a study/devotional format, looking at the Beatitudes. The Beatitudes are a set of teachings by Jesus that open the Sermon on the Mount, found in Matthew 5:3-12. These verses describe the attitudes and characteristics that define the citizens of the Kingdom of Heaven and the blessings that come with them.

What are the Beatitudes?

The word "Beatitude" comes from the Latin "beatus," meaning "blessed" or "happy." In the Beatitudes, Jesus outlines the qualities of those who are blessed by God and the corresponding rewards. These teachings highlight the values of the Kingdom of Heaven, often contrasting them with worldly values.

Where to Find the Beatitudes?

The Beatitudes are located in the New Testament, in the Gospel of Matthew, chapter 5, verses 3-12. They are part of the larger Sermon on the Mount, which spans Matthew chapters 5 to 7.

Why Study the Beatitudes?

Studying the Beatitudes helps us understand the heart of Jesus' teaching and the lifestyle He calls us to live. These principles guide us toward a life that is pleasing to God and filled with His blessings. As new believers, understanding and embodying these attitudes can transform our spiritual journey and deepen our relationship with God.

Following each study, you will find a dedicated notes section. This space is intended for you to jot down personal reflections, additional scripture references, or even things you want to pray about. Use it to capture your thoughts and insights as you go through the material, making the study a more interactive and personalized experience.

We hope that this study will be a meaningful and transformative part of your spiritual journey, drawing you closer to God and enriching your faith.



DAY 1

BLESSED ARE THE POOR IN SPIRIT

"BLESSED ARE THE POOR IN SPIRIT, FOR THEIRS
IS THE KINGDOM OF HEAVEN"
(MATTHEW 5:3, ESV)

Understanding the First Beatitude

This first Beatitude is foundational to understanding the entire Sermon on the Mount. Jesus begins by addressing the state of our hearts, emphasizing spiritual humility and dependence on God.

What Does It Mean to Be Poor in Spirit?

To be "poor in spirit" means to recognize our spiritual poverty and need for God. It's about acknowledging that we are spiritually bankrupt without Him. This contrasts sharply with worldly attitudes of self-reliance and pride.

Biblical Examples of Being Poor in Spirit

The parable of the Pharisee and the tax collector in Luke 18:9-14 illustrates this concept well. The tax collector's humble prayer, "God, be merciful to me, a sinner," exemplifies being poor in spirit. Another example is King David. In Psalm 51, after his sin with Bathsheba, David's contrite heart and plea for mercy show his deep sense of spiritual poverty and dependence on God's grace.

The Blessing: Theirs is the Kingdom of Heaven

Jesus promises that those who are poor in spirit will receive the kingdom of heaven. This assurance points to the ultimate reward of recognizing our need for God: entrance into His eternal kingdom.

Living Out Spiritual Poverty

Living out spiritual poverty involves cultivating daily humility, repentance, and dependence on God's Word. Start your day with a prayer acknowledging your need for God's guidance and strength. Regularly confess your sins and ask for His forgiveness, as 1 John 1:9 encourages us to do. Immerse yourself in Scripture, recognizing it as the spiritual food you need. Matthew 4:4 reminds us that we do not live by bread alone, but by every word from the mouth of God.

Scriptural Insights

Isaiah 57:15 says, "For thus says the One who is high and lifted up, who inhabits eternity, whose name is Holy: 'I dwell in the high and holy place, and also with him who is of a contrite and lowly spirit, to revive the spirit of the lowly, and to revive the heart of the contrite.'" Similarly, James 4:10 advises, "Humble yourselves before the Lord, and he will exalt you."

Questions for Reflection

Reflect on areas of your life where you need to acknowledge your dependence on God more fully. How can you cultivate a heart of humility in your daily interactions with others?

Prayer

We invite you to say the following prayer as we study today's Beatitude:

Heavenly Father, help me to be poor in spirit. I acknowledge my need for You and my inability to navigate life on my own. Teach me to depend on You wholly and to seek Your kingdom above all else. Thank You for the promise that the kingdom of heaven belongs to those who are humble before You. In Jesus' name, Amen.



Reflect and Apply

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Personal Reflection: *How does this Beatitude challenge or inspire me in my current life situation?*

Application: *What specific actions or changes can I implement in my daily life to embody this Beatitude?*

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DAY 2

BLESSED ARE THOSE WHO MOURN

"BLESSED ARE THOSE WHO MOURN, FOR THEY SHALL BE COMFORTED" (MATTHEW 5:4, ESV)

Understanding the Second Beatitude

At first glance, it may seem strange that Jesus says those who mourn are blessed. Mourning typically involves deep sorrow, grief, and loss. However, Jesus is speaking about a specific type of mourning that leads to a profound promise of comfort.

What Does It Mean to Mourn?

In this context, mourning refers to the sorrow we feel over our own sins and the brokenness of the world. It's about recognizing the impact of sin on our lives and the lives of others, and experiencing genuine remorse and repentance. This kind of mourning leads us to seek God's forgiveness and restoration.

Biblical Examples of Mourning

A powerful example of mourning is found in the life of Peter. After denying Jesus three times, Peter "went out and wept bitterly" (Luke 22:62). His sorrow over his failure was deep, but it ultimately led to his restoration and strengthened faith. Another example is the prophet Isaiah, who, upon seeing a vision of God's holiness, lamented his own sinfulness, saying, "Woe is me! For I am lost; for I am a man of unclean lips" (Isaiah 6:5).

The Blessing: They Shall Be Comforted

Jesus promises that those who mourn will be comforted. This comfort comes from God Himself, who offers forgiveness, healing, and the assurance of His presence. When we mourn over our sins and the world's brokenness, we are met with God's grace and the hope of restoration.

Living Out Mourning

Living out this Beatitude means cultivating a heart that is sensitive to sin and the suffering around us. It involves regularly examining our lives, confessing our sins, and seeking God's mercy. Additionally, it means being compassionate towards others who are hurting and extending the comfort we have received from God to them.

Scriptural Insights

In Psalm 34:18, we read, "The Lord is near to the brokenhearted and saves the crushed in spirit." This verse reassures us that God is close to those who are grieving and offers His salvation to those who are contrite. Similarly, 2 Corinthians 1:3-4 describes God as "the Father of mercies and God of all comfort, who comforts us in all our affliction, so that we may be able to comfort those who are in any affliction."

Questions for Reflection

Reflect on areas in your life where you need to experience God's comfort. Are there sins you need to confess and mourn over? How can you extend God's comfort to those around you who are hurting?

We invite you to say the following prayer as we study today's Beatitude:

Heavenly Father, help me to mourn over my sins and the brokenness of this world. Fill me with Your comfort and peace. Teach me to rely on Your grace and extend Your comfort to others who are in need. Thank You for Your promise of comfort and for being near to the brokenhearted. In Jesus' name, Amen.



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DAY 3

BLESSED ARE THE MEEK

"BLESSED ARE THE MEEK, FOR THEY SHALL INHERIT THE EARTH" (MATTHEW 5:4, ESV)

Understanding the Third Beatitude

The word "meek" might sound unfamiliar or even negative to many of us today. It often gets misunderstood as being weak or timid. However, in biblical terms, meekness is far from weakness. It's about having strength under control and a humble, gentle spirit.

What Does It Mean to Be Meek?

Being meek means having a humble and submissive heart before God. It involves trusting in God's goodness and control over situations, rather than relying on our own strength or asserting our own will. Meekness is about being patient and gentle with others, even when we face injustice or provocation.

Biblical Examples of Meekness

Moses is described as the meekest man on earth in Numbers 12:3. Despite his significant leadership role, he exhibited humility and dependence on God. Another powerful example is Jesus Himself. In Matthew 11:29, Jesus invites us to take His yoke and learn from Him, for He is "gentle and lowly in heart." Jesus displayed meekness throughout His ministry, especially in His willingness to suffer and die for our sins.

Living Out Meekness

Living out meekness involves cultivating humility, gentleness, and patience. It means trusting God in all circumstances and responding to others with kindness, even when we are wronged. Practicing meekness can be challenging, especially in a world that often values assertiveness and self-promotion. However, by relying on the Holy Spirit, we can grow in this beautiful trait.

Scriptural Insights

In James 1:21, we are encouraged to "receive with meekness the implanted word, which is able to save your souls." This shows that meekness involves a teachable spirit, open to God's Word. Additionally, Galatians 5:22-23 lists meekness (gentleness) as a fruit of the Spirit, indicating that it is a quality developed in us by God's work.

Questions for Reflection

Reflect on areas in your life where you need to practice more meekness. Are there situations where you need to trust God more and rely less on your own strength? How can you respond with gentleness and patience in your interactions with others?

Prayer

We invite you to say the following prayer as we study today's Beatitude:

Heavenly Father, help me to be meek. Teach me to trust in Your strength rather than my own and to respond to others with humility and gentleness. Thank You for the promise that the meek will inherit the earth and for the blessings of Your kingdom. In Jesus' name, Amen.



Reflect and Apply

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DAY 4

BLESSED ARE THOSE WHO HUNGER AND THIRST FOR RIGHTEOUSNESS

"BLESSED ARE THOSE WHO HUNGER AND
THIRST FOR RIGHTEOUSNESS, FOR THEY SHALL
BE SATISFIED" (MATTHEW 5:6 ESV)

Understanding the Fourth Beatitude

Hunger and thirst are powerful physical needs that drive us to seek nourishment. Jesus uses this vivid imagery to describe a deep, spiritual longing for righteousness. This Beatitude highlights a desire for God's will and justice to prevail in our lives and the world.

What Does It Mean to Hunger and Thirst for Righteousness?

To hunger and thirst for righteousness means to have a strong desire for a right relationship with God and for His will to be done. It's about seeking to live according to God's standards and longing for His justice and goodness to be evident in the world. This longing drives us to pursue holiness and to stand against injustice and sin.

Biblical Examples of Hungering and Thirsting for Righteousness

King David expressed this longing in Psalm 42:1-2: "As a deer pants for flowing streams, so pants my soul for you, O God. My soul thirsts for God, for the living God." Similarly, the Apostle Paul describes his desire to know Christ and His righteousness in Philippians 3:8-9: "Indeed, I count everything as loss because of the surpassing worth of knowing Christ Jesus my Lord. For his sake I have suffered the loss of all things and count them as rubbish, in order that I may gain Christ and be found in him, not having a righteousness of my own that comes from the law, but that which comes through faith in Christ, the righteousness from God that depends on faith."

The Blessing: They Shall Be Satisfied

Jesus promises that those who hunger and thirst for righteousness will be satisfied. This satisfaction is both present and future. In the present, God fills us with His peace and presence as we seek Him. Ultimately, in the future, we will experience complete fulfillment in God's eternal kingdom, where His righteousness reigns.

Living Out Hungering and Thirsting for Righteousness

Living out this Beatitude involves seeking God with our whole hearts. It means prioritizing time with Him in prayer and Bible study, striving to live according to His Word, and advocating for justice and righteousness in our communities. It also means being aware of our need for God's grace daily, recognizing that true righteousness comes from Him alone.

Scriptural Insights

In Isaiah 55:1-2, God invites us to come to Him to be satisfied: "Come, everyone who thirsts, come to the waters; and he who has no money, come, buy and eat! Come, buy wine and milk without money and without price. Why do you spend your money for that which is not bread, and your labor for that which does not satisfy? Listen diligently to me, and eat what is good, and delight yourselves in rich food." Additionally, in John 6:35, Jesus declares, "I am the bread of life; whoever comes to me shall not hunger, and whoever believes in me shall never thirst."

Questions for Reflection

Reflect on your own spiritual hunger and thirst. Are you seeking God's righteousness in your life? In what ways can you pursue a deeper relationship with Him and advocate for His justice in the world?

Prayer

We invite you to say the following prayer as we study today's Beatitude:

Heavenly Father, create in me a deep hunger and thirst for Your righteousness. Help me to seek You wholeheartedly and to live according to Your will. Satisfy my soul with Your presence and guide me in advocating for Your justice and goodness in the world. Thank You for the promise of fulfillment that comes from pursuing You. In Jesus' name, Amen.



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DAY 5

BLESSED ARE THE MERCIFUL

"BLESSED ARE THE MERCIFUL, FOR THEY SHALL
RECEIVE MERCY" (MATTHEW 5:7, ESV)

Understanding the Fifth Beatitude

Mercy is a central theme in the Bible, reflecting God's own nature. To be merciful means to show compassion, forgiveness, and kindness to others. This Beatitude highlights the importance of extending mercy as we have received mercy from God.

What Does It Mean to Be Merciful

Being merciful involves actively showing love and compassion to those in need. It means forgiving those who have wronged us, helping those who are suffering, and showing kindness without expecting anything in return. Mercy is about putting love into action, particularly toward those who are vulnerable or hurting.

Biblical Examples of Mercy

The story of the Good Samaritan in Luke 10:25-37 is a powerful example of mercy. The Samaritan shows compassion to a wounded man, providing him with care and support despite their cultural differences. Another example is Jesus' interaction with the woman caught in adultery in John 8:1-11. Instead of condemning her, Jesus shows her mercy and encourages her to leave her life of sin.

The Blessing: They Shall Receive Mercy

Jesus promises that the merciful will receive mercy. This principle is echoed in other parts of Scripture. In James 2:13, we read, "For judgment is without mercy to one who has shown no mercy. Mercy triumphs over judgment." This Beatitude reminds us that as we extend mercy to others, we position ourselves to receive God's mercy in our own lives.

Living Out Mercy

Living out this Beatitude involves looking for opportunities to show compassion and forgiveness. It means being patient and understanding with others' faults, offering help to those in need, and forgiving those who have hurt us. By remembering how much mercy we have received from God, we can be inspired to extend the same to others.

Scriptural Insights

In Micah 6:8, we are instructed, "He has told you, O man, what is good; and what does the Lord require of you but to do justice, and to love kindness, and to walk humbly with your God?" Additionally, in Colossians 3:12-13, Paul urges believers to "put on then, as God's chosen ones, holy and beloved, compassionate hearts, kindness, humility, meekness, and patience, bearing with one another and, if one has a complaint against another, forgiving each other; as the Lord has forgiven you, so you also must forgive."

Questions for Reflection

Reflect on your own experiences with mercy. How have you received mercy from God and others? In what ways can you show mercy in your daily interactions and relationships? Are there people you need to forgive or help?

Prayer

We invite you to say the following prayer as we study today's Beatitude:

Heavenly Father, thank You for the abundant mercy You have shown me. Help me to be merciful to others, showing compassion, kindness, and forgiveness in my daily life. Teach me to reflect Your love and grace to those around me. Thank You for the promise that as I show mercy, I will also receive mercy. In Jesus' name, Amen



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DAY 6

BLESSED ARE THE PURE IN HEART

"BLESSED ARE THE PURE IN HEART, FOR THEY
SHALL SEE GOD" (MATTHEW 5:8, ESV)

Understanding the Sixth Beatitude

Purity of heart is a deep and profound concept that goes beyond mere outward actions. Jesus emphasizes that true blessedness comes from having a heart that is clean and sincere, focused wholly on God.

What Does It Mean to Be Pure in Heart?

To be pure in heart means to have inner moral integrity and honesty. It involves being free from deceit, hypocrisy, and hidden motives. Purity in heart means seeking to please God above all else and allowing Him to transform our thoughts, desires, and actions.

Biblical Examples of Purity in Heart

King David, despite his flaws, sought purity of heart. In Psalm 51:10, he prays, "Create in me a clean heart, O God, and renew a right spirit within me." Another example is Nathanael, whom Jesus described as "an Israelite indeed, in whom there is no deceit" (John 1:47). Nathanael's sincerity and honesty exemplify a pure heart.

The Blessing: They Shall See God

Jesus promises that the pure in heart will see God. This promise points to both a present and future reality. In the present, those with pure hearts experience a closer, more intimate relationship with God. In the future, they will enjoy the ultimate reward of seeing God face to face in His eternal kingdom.

Living Out Purity in Heart

Living out this Beatitude involves seeking God's help to cleanse and renew our hearts daily. It means being honest with ourselves and God about our sins and motives, and striving to align our lives with His will. Regularly spending time in prayer and Scripture helps us maintain a pure heart, as does cultivating a lifestyle of repentance and obedience.

Scriptural Insights

In Psalm 24:3-4, we read, "Who shall ascend the hill of the Lord? And who shall stand in his holy place? He who has clean hands and a pure heart, who does not lift up his soul to what is false and does not swear deceitfully." Additionally, in 1 John 3:2-3, it says, "Beloved, we are God's children now, and what we will be has not yet appeared; but we know that when he appears we shall be like him, because we shall see him as he is. And everyone who thus hopes in him purifies himself as he is pure."

Questions for Reflection

Reflect on the state of your heart. Are there areas where you need to seek God's cleansing and renewal? How can you cultivate purity in your thoughts, desires, and actions? What steps can you take to maintain a sincere and honest relationship with God?

Prayer

We invite you to say the following prayer as we study today's Beatitude:

Heavenly Father, create in me a pure heart. Cleanse me from hidden sins and motives, and help me to live with integrity and sincerity. Draw me closer to You and help me to see You more clearly in my daily life. Thank You for the promise that those who are pure in heart will see You. In Jesus' name, Amen.



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DAY 7

BLESSED ARE THE PEACEMAKERS

"BLESSED ARE THE PEACEMAKERS, FOR THEY SHALL BE CALLED SONS OF GOD" (MATTHEW 5:9, ESV)

Understanding the Seventh Beatitude

Being a peacemaker goes beyond merely avoiding conflict; it involves actively seeking to bring reconciliation and harmony in relationships. Jesus highlights that true blessedness comes from striving for peace and unity, reflecting God's heart for reconciliation.

What Does It Mean to Be a Peacemaker?

To be a peacemaker means to actively work towards reconciling relationships, resolving conflicts, and promoting peace. It involves seeking to create harmony in our interactions and fostering environments where love and understanding can flourish. Peacemaking is not about passivity but about taking deliberate steps to heal and restore.

Biblical Examples of Peacemaking

One of the most profound examples of peacemaking is Jesus Himself. Through His sacrifice on the cross, He reconciled humanity with God, offering us peace with our Creator (Colossians 1:20). Another example is Abraham, who sought to resolve a dispute with his nephew Lot peacefully by offering him the choice of land (Genesis 13:8-9).

The Blessing: They Shall Be Called Sons of God

Jesus promises that peacemakers will be called sons of God. This title signifies a deep relationship and likeness to God. As we work to bring peace, we reflect God's character and His mission of reconciliation in the world. Being called sons of God is a testament to our identity and inheritance as members of His family.

Living Out Peacemaking

Living out this Beatitude involves seeking to resolve conflicts in our own lives and helping others to do the same. It means addressing issues with a spirit of gentleness and understanding, and striving to bring about reconciliation and unity. Practicing peacemaking also involves promoting justice and standing against division and strife.

Scriptural Insights

In James 3:18, we read, "And a harvest of righteousness is sown in peace by those who make peace." This highlights the fruitfulness that comes from a life dedicated to peacemaking. Additionally, in Romans 12:18, Paul urges, "If possible, so far as it depends on you, live peaceably with all."

Questions for Reflection

Reflect on areas in your life where you can be a peacemaker. Are there relationships that need reconciliation? How can you promote peace and understanding in your community or workplace? What steps can you take to embody God's heart for reconciliation and unity?

Prayer

We invite you to say the following prayer as we study today's Beatitude:

Heavenly Father, help me to be a peacemaker. Teach me to seek reconciliation and to foster harmony in my relationships. Empower me to reflect Your heart for peace and unity in all my interactions. Thank You for the promise that peacemakers will be called sons of God. In Jesus' name, Amen.



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DAY 8

BLESSED ARE THOSE WHO ARE PERSECUTED FOR RIGHTEOUSNESS' SAKE

"BLESSED ARE THOSE WHO ARE PERSECUTED
FOR RIGHTEOUSNESS' SAKE, FOR THEIRS IS THE
KINGDOM OF HEAVEN" (MATTHEW 5:10, ESV)

Understanding the Eighth Beatitude

This Beatitude addresses the reality of suffering for living a righteous life. Jesus acknowledges that following Him and living according to God's standards can lead to persecution. Despite the hardship, He promises a profound blessing for those who endure it.

What Does It Mean to be Persecuted for Righteousness' Sake?

To be persecuted for righteousness' sake means to face opposition, ridicule, or even suffering because of one's commitment to Christ and His teachings. It involves standing firm in faith and righteousness, even when it is unpopular or leads to personal cost.

Biblical Examples of Persecution

The early Christians faced significant persecution for their faith. Stephen, the first Christian martyr, was stoned for boldly proclaiming the gospel (Acts 7:54-60). The Apostle Paul endured numerous hardships, including imprisonment and beatings, for his relentless pursuit of spreading the message of Christ (2 Corinthians 11:23-28).

The Blessing: Theirs is the Kingdom of Heaven

Jesus promises that those who are persecuted for righteousness' sake will receive the kingdom of heaven. This Beatitude bookends the list, echoing the first Beatitude's promise and emphasizing that the ultimate reward for enduring persecution is eternal life with God. The kingdom of heaven belongs to those who remain faithful amidst trials.

Living Out Endurance in Persecution

Living out this Beatitude involves preparing our hearts to face opposition with courage and faith. It means holding fast to our commitment to Christ, even when it costs us. Supporting and praying for persecuted Christians worldwide is another way to live out this principle, standing in solidarity with those who suffer for their faith.

Scriptural Insights

In 2 Timothy 3:12, Paul warns, "Indeed, all who desire to live a godly life in Christ Jesus will be persecuted." Jesus also reassures us in John 16:33, "I have said these things to you, that in me you may have peace. In the world you will have tribulation. But take heart; I have overcome the world."

Questions for Reflection

Reflect on your own experiences and the global reality of Christian persecution. How can you stand firm in your faith amidst opposition? What steps can you take to support those who are persecuted for righteousness' sake? How can you draw strength from Jesus' promise of the kingdom of heaven?

Prayer

We invite you to say the following prayer as we study today's Beatitude:

Heavenly Father, give me the strength and courage to stand firm in my faith, even in the face of persecution. Help me to support and pray for those who are suffering for Your name. Thank You for the promise of the kingdom of heaven for those who endure for righteousness' sake. May Your peace and presence sustain me in all trials. In Jesus' name, Amen.



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Thank you for taking the time to journey through this study of the Beatitudes with us.

We hope that these reflections and applications have deepened your understanding of Jesus' teachings and enriched your spiritual life.

Our prayer is that you experience growth in your relationship with God, drawing closer to Him each day.

May these Beatitudes continue to inspire and guide you as you live out your faith in every aspect of your life.

Blessings,
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