

Sermon on the Mount: Matthew 5:1-16
Read Matthew 5-7

The Context

Sermon on the Mount: The Kingdom of God

This is both an impossibility and a command. This sermon shows us:

1. What God's standards are
2. That we cannot meet them
3. How we are called to live, in light of Jesus.

The Beatitudes

Blessed: *The state of well-being in relationship to God*

Poor in Spirit: *Those who recognize they are in need of God's help*

Gentle: *Those who are gracious, and do not extend control*

Those who hunger and thirst for righteousness: *Those who desire God above all.*

Merciful: *Those who offer forgiveness, and empathy*

Pure in Heart: *Having a clean Spirit before God*

Peacemakers: *Those who seek the peace of God for themselves and among others*

Persecuted: *Those who suffer for the name of Christ.*

Each of these beatitudes is not a promise—it is a statement of fact. In light of this, how can we understand the idea of blessing?

You Are

You are both salt and light.

What is the purpose behind these examples?

What does that mean our lives should look like?

What is the connection between the Beatitudes and this call to be a light?

APPLICATION: Which #blessed do you need to live out in order to be #saltandlight

Blessed are those who recognize they are in need of God's help, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven.

Blessed are those who are grieved, for they shall be comforted.

Blessed are those who are gracious and do not seek total control of their future, for they shall inherit the earth.

Blessed are those who desire God above all, for they shall be satisfied.

Blessed are those who offer forgiveness, for they shall receive mercy.

Blessed are those who have a clean Spirit before God, for they shall see God.

Blessed are those who seek the peace of God for themselves and others, for they shall be called sons of God.

Blessed are those who suffer for righteousness' sake, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven.

Blessed are you when others revile you and persecute you and utter all kinds of evil against you falsely on my account. Rejoice and be glad, for your reward is great in heaven, for so they persecuted the prophets who were before you.

If we live out the blessings
We will be Salt & Light to this world
And we WILL bring Glory to God in this world!

My BLESSED I want to work on is:

I want to THANK GOD for this BLESSING in my
life: _____