



The Beatitudes (Part 2)

Poverty, Pain, Peace
and Persecution

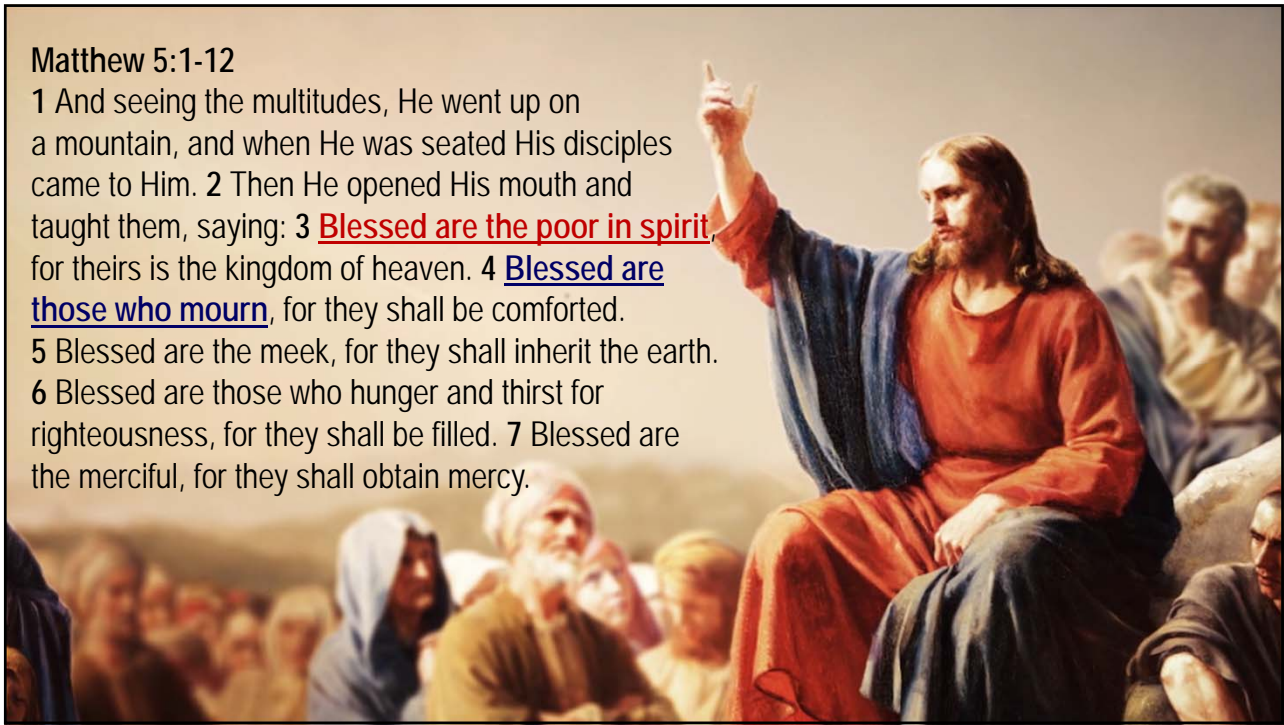


Review - Beatitudes (Part 1)

- Blessed are the Meek
- Blessed are the Righteous,
Merciful and Pure in Heart
- The Exchange

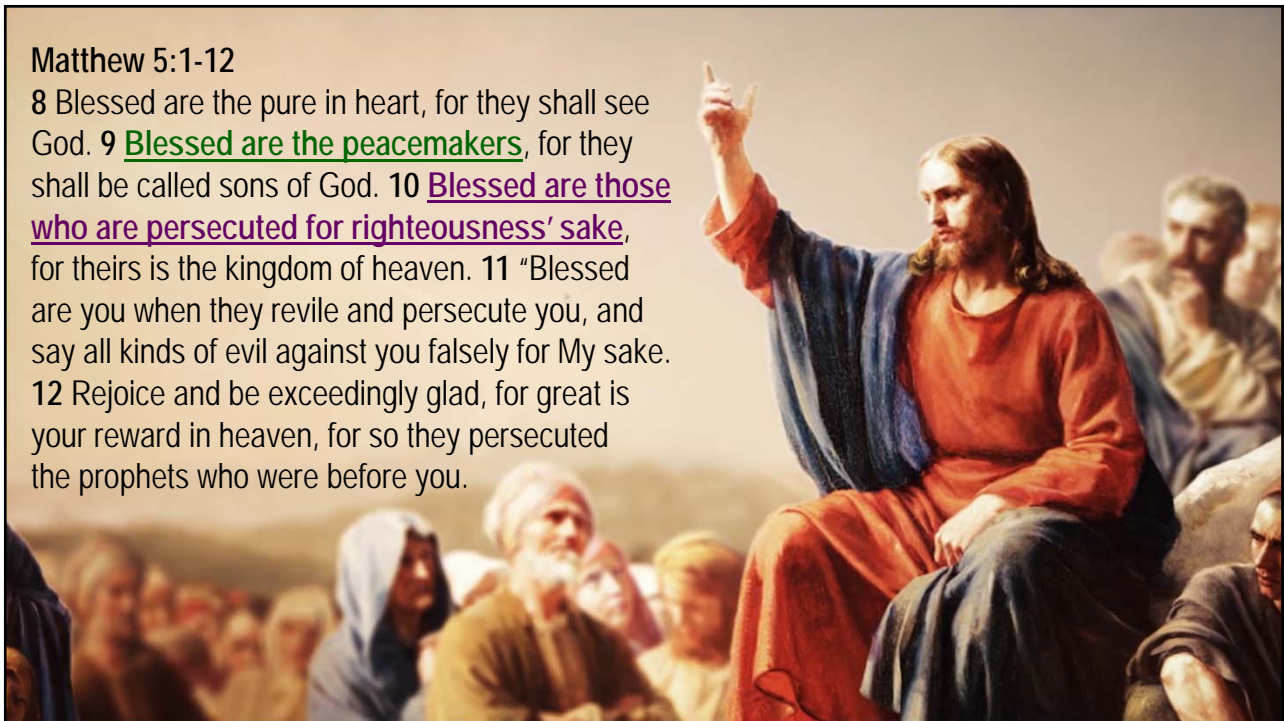
Matthew 5:1-12

1 And seeing the multitudes, He went up on a mountain, and when He was seated His disciples came to Him. 2 Then He opened His mouth and taught them, saying: 3 Blessed are the poor in spirit, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven. 4 Blessed are those who mourn, for they shall be comforted. 5 Blessed are the meek, for they shall inherit the earth. 6 Blessed are those who hunger and thirst for righteousness, for they shall be filled. 7 Blessed are the merciful, for they shall obtain mercy.



Matthew 5:1-12

8 Blessed are the pure in heart, for they shall see God. 9 Blessed are the peacemakers, for they shall be called sons of God. 10 Blessed are those who are persecuted for righteousness' sake, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven. 11 "Blessed are you when they revile and persecute you, and say all kinds of evil against you falsely for My sake. 12 Rejoice and be exceedingly glad, for great is your reward in heaven, for so they persecuted the prophets who were before you.



Outline

1. Blessed are the **Poor** in Spirit
2. Blessed are those who **Mourn**
3. Blessed are the **Peacemakers**
4. Blessed are those who are **Persecuted**
5. Great is your **Reward**



1. Blessed are the Poor in Spirit

Being Poor in Spirit is **NOT**:

- A. Back-sliding
- B. Feeling down or depressed
- C. Being poor in Bible knowledge
- D. Not doing quiet time
- E. Having low-esteem
- F. Being poor financially



1. Blessed are the Poor in Spirit

Poverty in the Spirit is

A. Realizing our own unworthiness



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Poverty in the Spirit is

B. Luke 18:9-14

9 Also He spoke this parable to some who trusted in themselves that they were righteous, and despised others: 10 "Two men went up to the temple to pray, one a Pharisee and the other a tax collector. 11 The Pharisee stood and prayed thus with himself, 'God, I thank You that I am not like other men—extortioners, unjust, adulterers, or even as this tax collector. 12 I fast twice a week; I give tithes of all that I possess.' 13 And the tax collector, standing afar off, would not so much as raise his eyes to heaven, but beat his breast, saying, 'God, be merciful to me a sinner!' 14 I tell you, this man went down to his house justified rather than the other; for everyone who exalts himself will be humbled, and he who humbles himself will be exalted."



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Poverty in the Spirit is

C. Humility

D. Being dependent on God

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Biblical Examples

Isaiah 6:5 So I said: "Woe is me, for I am undone! Because I am a man of unclean lips, and I dwell in the midst of a people of unclean lips; for my eyes have seen the King, the Lord of hosts."



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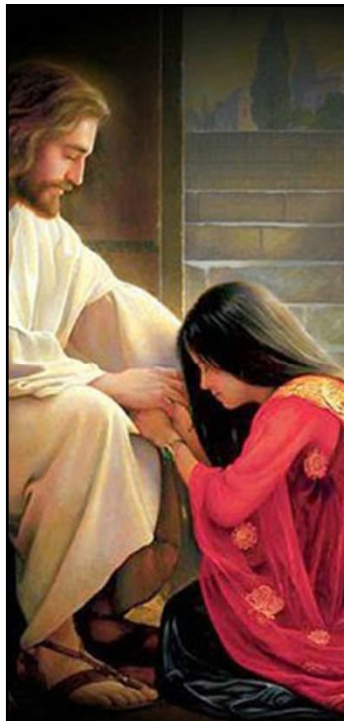
Luke 5:8 When Simon Peter saw it, he fell down at Jesus' knees, saying, "Depart from me, for I am a sinful man, O Lord!"



2. Blessed are those who Mourn

- Grief is universal
- Grief caused by personal loss
- Grief caused by the realisation of personal sin - Godly sorrow





2. Blessed are those who Mourn

Psalm 51:1-9

1 Have mercy upon me, O God, according to Your lovingkindness; according to the multitude of Your tender mercies, blot out my transgressions. **2** Wash me thoroughly from my iniquity, and cleanse me from my sin. **3** For I acknowledge my transgressions, and my sin is always before me. **4** Against You, You only, have I sinned, and done this evil in Your sight—that You may be found just when You speak, and blameless when You judge. **5** Behold, I was brought forth in iniquity, and in sin my mother conceived me. **6** Behold, You desire truth in the inward parts, and in the hidden part You will make me to know wisdom. **7** Purge me with hyssop, and I shall be clean; wash me, and I shall be whiter than snow. **8** Make me hear joy and gladness, that the bones You have broken may rejoice. **9** Hide Your face from my sins, and blot out all my iniquities.



2. Blessed are those who Mourn

Psalm 38:4 For my iniquities have gone over my head; like a heavy burden they are too heavy for me.

Psalm 38:6 I am troubled, I am bowed down greatly; I go mourning all the day long.

Psalm 38:8 I am feeble and severely broken; I groan because of the turmoil of my heart.

Psalm 38:9 Lord, all my desire is before You; and my sighing is not hidden from You.

Psalm 38:17-18 For I am ready to fall, and my sorrow is continually before me. For I will declare my iniquity; I will be in anguish over my sin.

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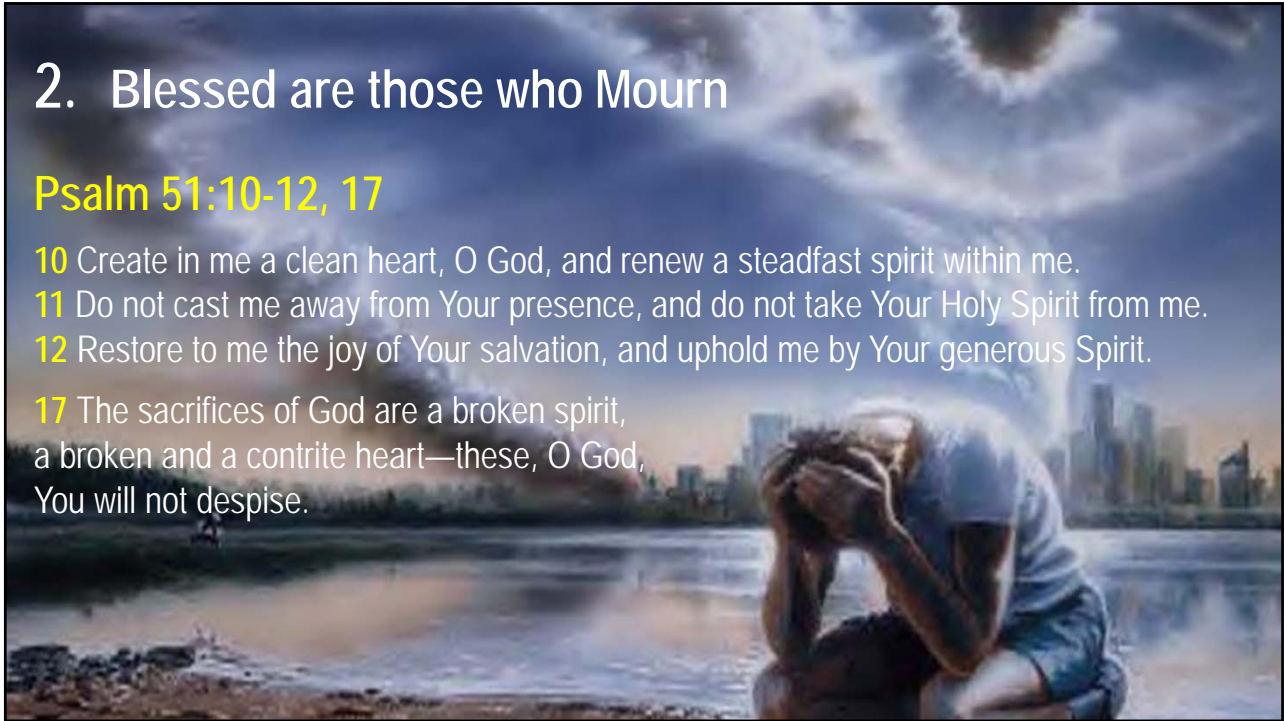
Psalm 51:10-12, 17

10 Create in me a clean heart, O God, and renew a steadfast spirit within me.

11 Do not cast me away from Your presence, and do not take Your Holy Spirit from me.

12 Restore to me the joy of Your salvation, and uphold me by Your generous Spirit.

17 The sacrifices of God are a broken spirit,
a broken and a contrite heart—these, O God,
You will not despise.



2. Blessed are those who Mourn

David committed adultery,
arranged the murder of a faithful
servant and soldier, hid his sins,
brought shame to Israel and
to the Lord's name,
but he grieved and repented!

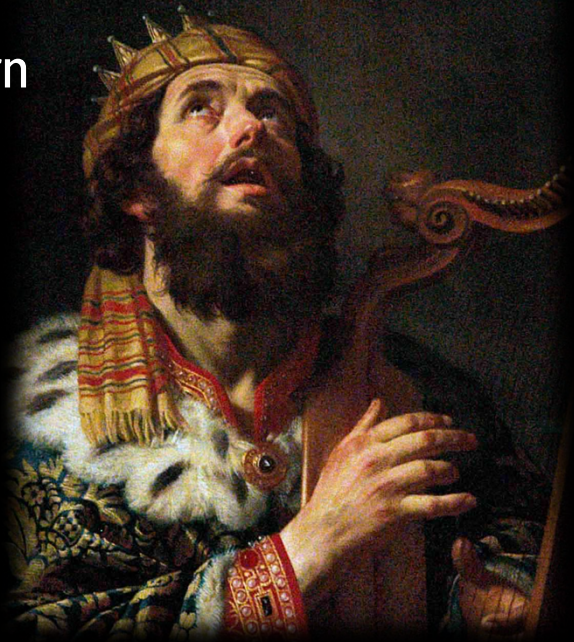


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2 Corinthians 7:10 For godly sorrow produces repentance leading to salvation, not to be regretted; but the sorrow of the world produces death.

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Inspite of all that David had done, he was still deeply loved as a man after God's own heart.



2. Blessed are those who Mourn

Matthew 26:75 And Peter remembered the word of Jesus who had said to him, "Before the rooster crows, you will deny Me three times." So he went out and wept bitterly.



3. Blessed are the Peacemakers

- Wars and Conflicts are prevalent and increasing in frequency and intensity.
- Peacemakers are needed when conflicts arise; more so well before.

Who are Peacemakers?

- Mentors
- Pastors
- Spiritual Parents
- Parents
- Teachers

In fact **all believers**

Example of *Abigail in 1 Samuel 25*



What makes a Peacemaker?

- Salt with flavour.
- **Matthew 5:13** You are the salt of the earth; but if the salt loses its flavour, how shall it be seasoned? It is then good for nothing but to be thrown out and trampled underfoot by men.
- Boldness.



Why be a Peacemaker?

- Unity
- Witness
- **Hebrews 12:14** Pursue peace with all people, and holiness, without which no one will see the Lord:
- **1 Peter 3:8, 11** Finally, all of you be of one mind, having compassion for one another; love as brothers, be tender-hearted, be courteous ...
Let him turn away from evil and do good;
let him seek peace and pursue it.



4. Blessed are those who are Persecuted

2 Timothy 3:12 Yes, and all who desire to live godly in Christ Jesus will suffer persecution.

1 John 3:13 (NIV) Do not be surprised, my brothers and sisters, if the world hates you.



4. Blessed are those who are Persecuted

This beatitude does not ask believers to seek persecution, but asks that we do not retreat from or retaliate against it.

- We will be mocked for righteous conduct.
- We will be scorned for seeking justice.
- We will be insulted as the Lord's witnesses.

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Be aware of:

- *The temptation to compromise*
- *The urge to preserve the status quo*

Conclusion - **Great is Your Reward**

- ❖ The future reward in heaven
- ❖ The present reward of a grace-filled, spirit-driven, and an inspirational life.
- ❖ We are in good company of the prophets of old men and women impacting the world, playing a part in His unfolding drama of Redemption.



Conclusion - **Great is Your Reward**

The genuine believer
is recognised by the fruit
he or she bears

Matthew 7:15-20



