**The Beatitudes**

*Matthew 5:3-12*

**Introduction**

1. Beatitude – supreme blessedness or happiness.
2. Blessed – Happy
3. Different from the world’s perception of happiness.
4. Arranged in their natural order (like – 2 Peter 1:5-7).
5. Blessed are the poor in spirit.

* Humility. Knowing your dependence upon God for spiritual blessings.
* Jeremiah 10:23
* Luke 18:13 (Tax collector)
* Isaiah 57:15; 66:1-2
* “Theirs is the kingdom of heaven.”

1. Blessed are those who mourn.

* The poor in spirit mourn for their sin.
* 2 Corinthians 7:8-11
* Acts 9:8-9 (Saul mourned)
* James 4:9-10
* “They shall be comforted.”

1. Blessed are the meek.

* Meekness – gentleness; submissiveness toward God’s will; opposite of self-awareness.
* 1 Peter 2:19-20 (having patience when wronged)
* Galatians 6:1-2; 1 Peter 3:15 (gentle when dealing with others)
* “They shall inherit the earth.” (See the blessings on earth differently than those of the world.)

1. Blessed are those who hunger and thirst for righteousness.

* Hunger and thirst – Someone starving or parched isn’t thinking about anything but food and water.
* Psalm 1:1-2
* John 6:32-35
* Matthew 7:7-8
* “For they shall be filled.”

1. Blessed are the merciful.

* Matthew 18:21-22
* Luke 6:36-37
* “For they shall obtain mercy.”

1. Blessed are the pure in heart.

* Luke 6:45
* Psalm 24:3-4
* James 4:8
* Philippians 4:8-9
* “For they shall see God.”

1. Blessed are the peacemakers.

* Peacemakers are few.
* Proverbs 6:19 (of the 7 abominations)
* Ephesians 6:15 (of the armor of God)
* Romans 12:18-21
* “For they shall be called sons of God.”

1. Blessed are those who are persecuted for righteousness’ sake.

* 2 Timothy 3:12
* Philippians 1:29-30
* 1 Peter 4:16
* “For theirs is the kingdom of heaven.”