

# THE BEATITUDES

## GOD'S PATHWAY TO BLESSINGS IN MATTHEW 5:3-12

(CF *The Fruit of the Spirit Galatians 5:22-23*)

### MATTHEW

**V3** *"Blessed are the poor in spirit for theirs is the Kingdom of Heaven."*

**HUMILITY** Isaiah 57:15 *"I live in a high and holy place, but also with him who is contrite and lowly in spirit, to revive..."*; Micah 6:8 *"What does the Lord require of you? To act justly, and to love mercy and to walk humbly with your God."*; James 4:10 *"Humble yourselves before the Lord, and He will lift you up..."*

**V4** *"Blessed are those who mourn, for they will be comforted."*

**REPENTANCE** Joel 2:12 *"Return to Me with all your heart, with fasting and weeping and mourning."*; Luke 13:3 *"Unless you repent, you too will all perish."*; Ezekiel 18:31 *"Rid yourself of all the offences."*

**V5** *"Blessed are the meek for they will inherit the earth."*

**MEEKNESS** 1 Peter 3:4 *"...a gentle and quiet spirit..."*; James 1:21 *"Humbly accept the Word planted in you, which can save you."*; Ephesians 4:2 *"Be completely humble and gentle, bearing with one another in love."*

**V6** *"Blessed are those who hunger and thirst for righteousness, for they will be filled."*

**SPIRITUAL HUNGER** 2 Chronicles 15:15 *"They sought God eagerly, and He was found by them."*; Psalm 42:2 *"My soul thirsts for God, for the living God."*; Isaiah 26:9 *"My soul yearns for You..."*; 1 Peter 2:2 *"Crave pure spiritual milk..."*; Psalm 63:1 *"Earnestly I seek You. My soul yearns for You..."*

**V7** *"Blessed are the merciful, for they will be shown mercy."*

**MERCIFUL** Luke 6:36 *"Be merciful, just as your Father is merciful."*; Micah 6:8 *"He has shown you, O man, what is good; and what does the Lord require of you? To act justly and to love mercy..."*

**V8** *"Blessed are the pure in heart, for they shall see God."*

**PURITY** Psalm 24:3-4 *"Who may ascend the hill of the Lord? Who may stand in His holy place? He who has clean hands and a pure heart."*; 1 Peter 1:22 *"Now that you have purified yourselves by obeying the truth..."*

**V9** *"Blessed are the peacemakers, for they will be called sons of God."*

**PEACEMAKER** Romans 14:19 *"Let us therefore make every effort to do what leads to peace..."*; Proverbs 12:20 *"There is... joy for those who promote peace."*

**V10** *"Blessed are those who are persecuted because of righteousness, for theirs is the Kingdom of God."*

**SACRIFICIAL SUFFERING FOR CHRIST** 1 Peter 2:20 *"But if you suffer for doing good and you endure it, this is commendable before God."*; Matthew 19:29 *"And everyone who has left houses or brothers or sisters*

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*or father or mother or wife or children or lands, for My Name's sake, shall receive a hundredfold, and inherit the eternal life."*

**V11** *"Blessed are you when people insult you, persecute you and falsely say all kinds of evil against you because of Me. Rejoice and be glad because great is your reward in Heaven, for in the same way they persecuted the prophets who were before you."*



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