

# THE BLESSED LIFE

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A SERIES ON THE BEATITUDES • MATTHEW 5:1-12

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<sup>1</sup> Now when Jesus saw the crowds, he went up on a mountainside and sat down. His disciples came to him,

<sup>2</sup> and he began to teach them. He said:

<sup>3</sup> “Blessed are the poor in spirit, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven.

<sup>4</sup> Blessed are those who mourn, for they will be comforted.

<sup>5</sup> Blessed are the meek, for they will inherit the earth.

<sup>6</sup> Blessed are those who hunger and thirst for righteousness, for they will be filled.

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<sup>7</sup> Blessed are the merciful, for they will be shown mercy.

<sup>8</sup> Blessed are the pure in heart, for they will see God.

<sup>9</sup> Blessed are the peacemakers, for they will be called children of God.

<sup>10</sup> Blessed are those who are persecuted because of righteousness, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven.

<sup>11</sup> “Blessed are you when people insult you, persecute you and falsely say all kinds of evil against you because of me.

<sup>12</sup> 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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Imagine how the crowd's attention was riveted on Jesus when He uttered His first word: “**Blessed.**” (The Latin word for blessed is beatus, and from this comes the word beatitude.) This was a powerful word to those who heard Jesus that day. To them it meant “divine joy and perfect happiness.” The word was not used for humans; it described the kind of joy experienced only by the gods or the dead. “**Blessed**” implied an inner satisfaction and sufficiency that did not depend on outward circumstances for happiness. This is what the Lord offers those who trust Him!

— Warren W. Wiersbe, *The Bible Exposition Commentary*, Vol. 1, p. 21 (Victor Books, 1996)



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*Poor in Spirit*

MATTHEW 5:3



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