God's Kingdom: It's (Still) Not What You Think

# The Fortunate Ones

Matthew 5:3-4

The beatitudes

Missing the point...

Making this a "to do" list or spiritual formula

Making this like a box of chocolates

Making this a behavioral makeover

Making the point...

This is a description of a Christ follower, your identity

This is an *invitation* to *participate* in God's kingdom

Luke 10:38-42

Looking at the first two beatitudes

Key word: "Blessed"

Matthew 5:3

The person who is truly humble

lsaiah 57:17; 66:2

Matthew 5:4

The person who feels deep sorrow

Isaiah 6:5; 53:2-4; Micah 6:6-8

Next week scriptures: Matthew 5:5-8

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## Matthew 5:1-12

1 When Jesus saw the crowds, he went up the mountain; and after he sat down, his disciples came to him. 2 Then he began to speak, 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 will be comforted.
- 5 "Blessed are the meek, for they will inherit the earth.
  - 6 "Blessed are those who hunger and thirst for righteousness, for they will be filled.
- 7 "Blessed are the merciful, for they will receive mercy.
- 8 "Blessed are the pure in heart, for they will see God.
- 9 "Blessed are the peacemakers, for they will be called children of God.

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

11 "Blessed are you when people revile you and persecute you and utter all kinds of evil against you falsely on my account. 12 Rejoice and be glad, for your reward is great in heaven, for in the same way they persecuted the prophets who were before you.

**Graves Into Gardens** 

Verse 1 I searched the world but it couldn't fill me Man's empty praise and treasures that fade Are never enough Then You came along and put me back together And every desire is now satisfied here in Your love

> Chorus Oh there's nothing better than You There's nothing better than You Lord there's nothing Nothing is better than You

Verse 2 I'm not afraid to show You my weakness My failures and flaws Lord You've seen them all And You still call me friend 'Cause the God of the mountain Is the God of the valley And there's not a place Your mercy and grace won't find me again

> Bridge You turn mourning to dancing You give beauty for ashes You turn shame into glory You're the only one who can

Bridge You turn graves into gardens You turn bones into armies You turn seas into highways You're the only one who can Verse 1 I see Your face in ev'ry sunrise The colors of the morning are inside Your eyes The world awakens in the light of the day I look up to the sky and say You're beautiful

#### Verse 2

I see Your power in the moonlit night Where planets are in motion and galaxies are bright We are amazed in the light of the stars It's all proclaiming who You are You're beautiful

#### Verse 3

I see You there hanging on a tree You bled and then You died And then You rose again for me Now You are sitting on Your heavenly throne Soon we will be coming home You're beautiful

#### Verse 4

When we arrive at eternity's shore Where death is just a memory and tears are no more We'll enter in as the wedding bells ring Your bride will come together and we'll sing You're beautiful

#### Ending

I see Your face You're beautiful You're beautiful You're beautiful I see Your face You're beautiful You're beautiful You're beautiful I see Your face I see Your face I see Your face You're beautiful You're beautiful You're beautiful

**Kingdom Of God** 

### Verse 1 Oh that I could see your face How I'm longing for the day Brighter sun of holy grace Make my heart a holy place

#### Chorus

Blessed are the poor who have nothing to own Blessed are the mourners who are crying alone Blessed are the guilty who have nowhere to go

For their hearts have a road to the kingdom of God And their souls are the songs of the kingdom of God And they will find a refuge for theirs In the kingdom of God

> Verse 2 Beauty shining from your face Always longed to see this place Is there somewhere I can stay Even just a couple days

> > Bridge

The Lord is our shepherd, we shall not want In valley or pasture we shall not want Our cup runneth over and over For now and forever For now and forever

The Lord is our shepherd we shall not want In valley or pasture we shall not want Our cup runneth over and over For now and forever For now and forever For now and forever For now and forever

> Ending Oh that I could see your face How I'm longing for the day **No Other Name**

Verse 1 One Name Holds weight above them all His fame Outlasts the earth He formed His praise Resounds beyond the stars And echoes in our hearts The greatest One of all

Verse 2

His face Shines brighter than the sun His grace As boundless as His love He reigns With healing in His wings The King above all kings The greatest One of all

Chorus Lift up our eyes see the King has come Light of the world Reaching out for us There is no other Name There is no other Name Jesus Christ our God oh Seated on high the undefeated One Mountains bow down as we lift Him up There is no other Name There is no other Name Jesus Christ our God oh Find hope When all the world seems lost Behold The triumph of the cross His power has trampled death and grave Our life found in His Name The greatest Name of all

> Interlude Jesus

Bridge The earth will shake And tremble before Him Chains will break As heaven and earth sing Holy is the Name Holy is the Name

> Ending There is no other Name There is no other Name Jesus