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Jesus departed from the multitudes and goes up on a mountain. His disciples come to Him and He teaches them. The Church calls this “The Sermon on the Mount”. Over the next few months we will explore Matt 5-7 in a series I call,

## **Lessons from the Mountain**

### ***Christ-followers Live Differently***

**Matt 5:1-12** - *And seeing the multitudes, He went up on a mountain, and when He was seated His disciples came to Him. <sup>2</sup> Then He opened His mouth and taught them, saying: <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 shall be comforted. <sup>5</sup> Blessed are the meek, for they shall inherit the earth. <sup>6</sup> Blessed are those who hunger and thirst for righteousness, for they shall be filled. <sup>7</sup> Blessed are the merciful, for they shall obtain mercy. <sup>8</sup> Blessed are the pure in heart, for they shall see God. <sup>9</sup> Blessed are the peacemakers, for they shall be called sons of God. <sup>10</sup> Blessed are those who are persecuted for righteousness’ sake, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven. <sup>11</sup> Blessed are you when they revile and persecute you, and say all kinds of evil against you falsely for My sake. <sup>12</sup> Rejoice and be exceedingly glad, for great is your reward in heaven, for so they persecuted the prophets who were before you.*

#### **Blessed are the Poor in Spirit**

**Poor in Spirit is a recognition of our spiritual bankruptcy.**

**Is 66:1-2** - *Thus says the Lord: “Heaven is My throne, and earth is My footstool. Where is the house that you will build Me? And where is the place of My rest? <sup>2</sup> For all those things My hand has made, and all those things exist,” says the Lord. “But on this one will I look: On him who is poor and of a contrite spirit, and who trembles at My word.*

**Ps 51:17** - *The sacrifices of God are a broken spirit, a broken and a contrite heart— These, O God, You will not despise.*

**A contrite heart recognizes we are not spiritually self-sufficient.**

## **Blessed are those who Mourn**

**Grieving for the sinful state of humanity.**

**Ps. 119:136** - *Rivers of water run down from my eyes, because men do not keep Your law.*

**Jer 9:1** - *Oh, that my head were waters, and my eyes a fountain of tears, that I might weep day and night for the slain of the daughter of my people!*

**Eze 9:4** - *and the Lord said to him, "Go through the midst of the city, through the midst of Jerusalem, and put a mark on the foreheads of the men who sigh and cry over all the abominations that are done within it."*

## **Blessed are the Meek**

**Def. – enduring injury with patience and without resentment**

**(G) – mild**

**Is 53:7** - *He was oppressed and He was afflicted, yet He opened not His mouth; He was led as a lamb to the slaughter, and as a sheep before its shearers is silent, so He opened not His mouth.*

## **Blessed are those who Hunger and Thirst for Righteousness**

**Ps 42:1-2** - *As the deer pants for the water brooks, so pants my soul for You, O God. <sup>2</sup> My soul thirsts for God, for the living God.*

**The spiritual condition of Christians all throughout their lives will depend on their hunger and thirst for the presence of God, the Word of God, the interaction and friendship of Christ, the companionship, guidance, and influence of the Holy Spirit, righteousness, and the return of the Christ. ~ Fire Bible Commentary**

## **Blessed are the merciful**

**Pro 3:3** - *Let not mercy and truth forsake you; Bind them around your neck, write them on the tablet of your heart,*

**Pro 11:17** - *The merciful man does good for his own soul, but he who is cruel troubles his own flesh.*

**Luke 6:36** - *Therefore be merciful, just as your Father also is merciful.*

**Mercy is not receiving what we deserve.**

### **Blessed are the Pure of Heart**

**Pro 4:23** - *Keep your heart with all diligence, for out of it spring the issues of life.*

**James 3:11** - *Does a spring send forth fresh water and bitter from the same opening?*

### **Blessed are the Peacemakers**

#### **Horizontal Peacemakers**

**Rom 12:18** - *If it is possible, as much as depends on you, live peaceably with all men.*

#### **Vertical Peacemakers**

**Col 1:19-20** - *For it pleased the Father that in Him all the fullness should dwell,<sup>20</sup> and by Him to reconcile all things to Himself, by Him, whether things on earth or things in heaven, having made peace through the blood of His cross.*

**2 Cor 5:18** - *Now all things are of God, who has reconciled us to Himself through Jesus Christ, and has given us the ministry of reconciliation,*

### **Blessed are the Persecuted**

**Vs. 10-11** - *Blessed are those who are persecuted for righteousness' sake, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven. <sup>11</sup> Blessed are you when they revile and persecute you, and say all kinds of evil against you falsely for My sake.*

### **Rejoice and be Exceedingly Glad**

**Vs 12** - *Rejoice and be exceedingly glad, for great is your reward in heaven, for so they persecuted the prophets who were before you.*

#### **Rejoice and be exceedingly glad because...**

... great is your reward,  
... heaven is your destiny, and  
... you are among great company.

### **Lesson 1: Christ-followers Live Differently!**