



April 19th 2026 "Radical Words, Radical Blessings"

LOVE GOD—LOVE PEOPLE—SERVE THE WORLD

**Matthew 24:10–12, 2 Timothy 4:2**

✦ The beatitudes were meant to be received by followers of Jesus as a **way of life**, not just principles to live by.

*The purpose of the Sermon on the Mount is to challenge us to consider what it means to live as a follower of Jesus, motivated by the heart rather than by the law.*

**Matthew 5:1-12**

*The beatitudes we find in Matthew five are personal. As Jesus sat down with His disciples and spoke to them directly.*

✦ A beatitude is a declaration of supreme **blessedness**.

**Matthew 5:1-12—The Beatitudes.**  
Declarations of supreme blessings.

1. Blessed are those who are **poor**. **Poor in spirit, refers to how much we need Jesus.**

**2 Corinthians 12:9**

2. Blessed are those who **mourn**. **Deep mourning and sorrow over sin, causing repentance.**

**Romans 12:9**

*The kind of mourning that Jesus is speaking of here should take us to the cross of Jesus Christ, and see how ugly and gory that sight was and realize how ugly, and gory, the sin in our lives is.*

3. Blessed are those who are **humble**. **To think of one self less, and demonstrate gentleness and self-control.**

*Meekness is not weakness but strength under control. It is a person who thinks about themselves less and focuses more on the needs of others.*

**James 4:6, Proverbs 22:4**

4. Blessed are those who hunger and thirst for **justice**. **Having a strong desire to live for God.**

✦ Justice here extends beyond merely avoiding wrongdoing or promoting human legal standards; it encompasses **divine justice** that equals **right standing** with God.

**Isaiah 64:6, Romans 12:19-21**

*\*all verses were taken from the NLT unless otherwise noted.*