

WOMEN IN THE WORD FELLOWSHIP BIBLE CHURCH

THE SERMON ON THE MOUNT

Scripture Reference Notes—January 20, 2026

Week 2: The Beatitudes: An Invitation to True Flourishing

Intro to Matthew/Theme

Gospel meaning in Matthew 4:23; 9:35; 24:14; 26:13 – the Greek definition is the glad tidings of the kingdom of God soon to be set up, also of Jesus, the Messiah, the founder of this kingdom.

Mat 5:1-2 And seeing the multitudes, He went up on a mountain, and when He was seated His disciples came to Him. Then He opened His mouth and taught them, saying:

Charles Ryrie said, “The sermon was not addressed to the whole world, but to the disciples as representative Jews expecting the Messianic kingdom.”

Chafer wrote, “A secondary application to the church means that lessons and principles may be drawn from it.”

Steve Elkins book: “The beatitudes properly understood—from beginning to end—are about the character qualities necessary (notice) NOT for entrance, but inheritance of the kingdom.”

Inclusio, common in Scripture, tracing author’s flow of thought. Like bookends, all the books between them are on the same subject. Here, 5:3 and 10 are the inclusio.

Mat 5:3 "Blessed are the poor in spirit, For theirs is the kingdom of heaven.

Theirs is the kingdom refers to an earned inheritance, ownership, possession of the kingdom, not residence.

Rewards are future tense.

Jas 2:5 Listen, my beloved brethren: Has God not chosen the poor of this world to be rich in faith and heirs of the kingdom which He promised to those who love Him?

Prophetic-future

Blessed, being touched by God, to be a recipient of His Divine favor, blessing and illumination.

Matthew 24:46, faithful servant, will make him ruler over all his goods.

Poor, *ptochos*—to cower in fear, it always had a bad sense till it was ennobled in the Gospels.

2 Co 8:9 For you know the grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, that though He was rich, yet for your sakes He became poor, that you through His poverty might become rich.

Luke 4:18-19, He'd been anointed to preach the gospel to the poor...

1 Pe 4:11 If anyone speaks, let him speak as the oracles of God. If anyone ministers, let him do it as with the ability which God supplies,

Mt 5:4 Blessed are those who mourn, For they shall be comforted.

2 Co 1:3-4 Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, the Father of mercies and God of all comfort, who comforts us in all our tribulation, that we may be able to comfort those who are in any trouble, with the comfort with which we ourselves are comforted by God.

Mt 19:29 And everyone who has left houses or brothers or sisters or father or mother or wife or children or lands, for My name's sake, shall receive a hundredfold, and inherit eternal life.

Mourn, Barclay said; “it is the strongest word for mourning in the Greek language, used for mourning the dead, for the passionate lament for one who was loved.”

John 9:14

Mark 16:9-10

James 4:9

Mt 23:37 O Jerusalem, Jerusalem, the one who kills the prophets and stones those who are sent to her! How often I wanted to gather your children together, as a hen gathers her chicks under her wings, but you were not willing!

What breaks the Lord’s heart should break ours.

Mt 9:36-38 But when He saw the multitudes, He was moved with compassion for them, because they were weary and scattered, like sheep having no shepherd. Then He said to His disciples, "The harvest truly is plentiful, but the laborers are few. Therefore pray the Lord of the harvest to send out laborers into His harvest."

Mt 5:5 Blessed are the meek, For they shall inherit the earth.

Mt 11:29 Take My yoke upon you and learn from Me, for I am gentle and lowly in heart, and you will find rest for your souls.

Phl 2:5-8 Let this mind be in you which was also in Christ Jesus, who, being in the form of God, did not consider it robbery to be equal with God, but made Himself of no reputation, taking the form of a bondservant, and coming in the likeness of men. And being found in appearance as a man, He humbled Himself and became obedient to the point of death, even the death of the cross.

Ps 37:11 But the meek shall inherit the earth, and shall delight themselves in the abundance of peace.

Vs 3, 5 trusting the Lord

V3 cultivate faithfulness

V4 delighting in the Lord

V5 commit their way unto the Lord James 3:13

V 7, 34 waiting on the Lord, taking refuge in Him

Vs 1-2, 7-9 trust God's timing

V 30 speak wisdom

V 31 God's law in their heart James 1:21

V 37 person of peace

Mt 5:6 Blessed are those who hunger and thirst for righteousness, for they shall be filled.

Filled—means to be fed, satisfied, filled-up, used for fattening livestock; figuratively it meant to be filled with a deep inward satisfaction.

Mt 5:10

Mt 5:11-12

Mt 5:16 Let your light so shine before men, that they may see your good works and glorify your Father in heaven.

Heb 1:8-9 But to the Son He says: "Your throne, O God, is forever and ever; A scepter of righteousness is the scepter of Your kingdom. You have loved righteousness and hated lawlessness; Therefore God, Your God, has anointed You With the oil of gladness more than Your companions."

Mt 5:7 Blessed are the merciful, For they shall obtain mercy.

Merciful means to be greatly concerned for someone in need; to have compassion.

7 times in Matthew, 29 times in the New Testament

Mt 9:12-13 When Jesus heard that, He said to them, "Those who are well have no need of a physician, but those who are sick. But go and learn what this means: 'I desire mercy and not sacrifice.' For I did not come to call the righteous, but sinners, to repentance."

Matthew 18 The Unforgiving Servant

Paul spoke of the mercy the Lord gave him for ministry; 1 Cor 7:25; 2 Cor 4:1; 1Tim 1:12-13.

Jas 2:13 For judgment is without mercy to the one who has shown no mercy. Mercy triumphs over judgment.

Mt 5:8 Blessed are the pure in heart, For they shall see God.

Pure—katharos—is often translated “clean” or “cleansed.”

Jas 4:8 Draw near to God and He will draw near to you. Cleanse your hands, you sinners; and purify your hearts, you double-minded.

Cleanse—katharizo—to free from the defilement of sin and from faults; to purify from wickedness, to abstain in future from wrong-doing.

Purify—hagnizo—to purify morally

1 Pe 1:22 Since you have purified your souls in obeying the truth through the Spirit in sincere love of the brethren, love one another fervently with a pure heart

Pure same word but different, it means free from every admixture of what is false; sincere.

1 Jo 3:3 And everyone who has this hope in Him purifies himself, just as He is pure.

Pure here meaning pure from every fault, immaculate (of God).

Jas 3:17 But the wisdom that is from above is first pure, then peaceable, gentle, willing to yield, full of mercy and good fruits, without partiality and without hypocrisy.

Characteristics of; peaceable, gentle, willing to yield, full of mercy...

For they shall see God

Mt 5:9 Blessed are the peacemakers, For they shall be called sons of God.

Peacemaker—eirenopoios—pacific (meaning peaceful or calm) reconciling adversaries, rest, tranquility.

In Isa 9:6 He is our Prince of Peace

Eph 2:14-17 For He Himself is our peace, who has made both one, and has broken down the middle wall of separation, having abolished in His flesh the enmity, that is, the law of commandments contained in ordinances, so as to create in Himself one new man from the two, thus making peace, and that He might reconcile them both to God in one body through the cross, thereby putting to death the enmity. And He came and preached peace to you who were afar off and to those who were near.

Jas 3:17-18 But the wisdom that is from above is first pure, then peaceable, gentle, willing to yield, full of mercy and good fruits, without partiality and without hypocrisy. Now the fruit of righteousness is sown in peace by those who make peace.

Rom 12:18; Prov 15:1; Phil 2:3; Col 3:13; Gal 6:1; 2 Tim 2:24; 2 Cor 5:18

Pro 10:10 NLT People who wink at wrong cause trouble, but a bold reproof promotes peace.

Elkins said; this is “an absolute key for being a peacemaker—besides gentleness and a soft answer—is having the convictions and trust in the Lord to (prayerfully) speak “boldly/frankly/directly.”

Examples of peacemakers; Abraham, Moses, Joseph, Jonathon, Abigail, Esther

William Barclay said, “There are people in whose presence bitterness cannot live, people who bridge gulfs, heal breaches, and sweeten the bitternesses.”

They shall be called sons of God Gal 4 & Hebrews

Mt 5:10 Blessed are those who are persecuted for righteousness' sake, For theirs is the kingdom of heaven.

NOT entrance, but inheritance, there is a difference

Daniel 7:14,18

Persecution

Pro 14:20 The poor man is hated even by his own neighbor, But the rich has many friends.

Heb 11:37-38 They were stoned, they were sawn in two, were tempted, were slain with the sword. They wandered about in sheepskins and goatskins, being destitute, afflicted, tormented--of whom the world was not worthy. They wandered in deserts and mountains, in dens and caves of the earth.

Mt 5:11 Blessed are you when they revile and persecute you, and say all kinds of evil against you falsely for My sake.

Revile—to reproach, express disapproval, to find fault, reprimand

Persecute—to harass, trouble, molest,

Falsely—to deceive by a lie

Mt 5:12 Rejoice and be exceedingly glad, for great is your reward in heaven, for so they persecuted the prophets who were before you.

Reward, or the rewards which God bestows, or will bestow, upon good deeds and endeavors; great...with nouns denoting action, intensity...shall become partakers of the heavenly kingdom...

Jas 1:2-4 My brethren, count it all joy when you fall into various trials, knowing that the testing of your faith produces patience. But let patience have its perfect work, that you may be perfect and complete, lacking nothing.

Rom 5:2-4; 1 Pet 4:12-13

Next Week—January 27, 2016
Week 3—Faithful Witness and the Fulfillment of Scripture