THE KING'S CHARTER: KINGDOM CHARACTER

The Beatitudes - Matthew 5:1–12 (KJV)

Sunday, November 8, 2026 | November Theme: The Kingdom Arrives in Jesus Christ (The Gospels + Acts)

CENTRAL TRUTH

The Beatitudes reveal the character of those who live under Jesus Christ's reign: humility before God, mercy toward others, purity of heart, a hunger for righteousness, peacemaking, and faithfulness under opposition.

INTRODUCTION

In Matthew 5:1–12, Jesus teaches His disciples and the multitudes about those who are blessed under God's rule. The world often celebrates status, self-promotion, and revenge; Jesus blesses humility, repentance, meekness, righteousness, mercy, purity, peace, and perseverance. These qualities do not purchase salvation; they are fruit of a life transformed by God's grace.

1. THE KINGDOM'S POSTURE - HUMILITY BEFORE GOD

"Blessed are the poor in spirit: for theirs is the kingdom of heaven" (Matthew 5:3). The poor in spirit recognise their need for God. Those who mourn grieve over sin and brokenness and receive His comfort (v. 4). The meek submit their strength to God (v. 5), while those who hunger and thirst after righteousness earnestly desire His ways (v. 6). Cross-references: Psalm 51:17; Isaiah 57:15; Psalm 37:11; Isaiah 55:1–2.

2. THE KINGDOM'S PRACTICE - MERCY, PURITY, AND PEACE

"Blessed are the merciful: for they shall obtain mercy" (Matthew 5:7). Kingdom people extend compassion and forgiveness. "Blessed are the pure in heart: for they shall see God" (v. 8). God seeks inward integrity, not outward appearance alone. "Blessed are the peacemakers: for they shall be called the children of God" (v. 9). Peacemakers pursue reconciliation in truth and love without excusing wrongdoing. Cross-references: Micah 6:8; Psalm 24:3–4; Romans 12:18; Ephesians 4:32; James 3:17–18.

3. THE KINGDOM'S PERSEVERANCE - FAITHFULNESS UNDER PRESSURE

"Blessed are they which are persecuted for righteousness' sake: for theirs is the kingdom of heaven" (Matthew 5:10). Obedience to Christ may bring opposition. Jesus calls His disciples to rejoice because their reward is secure with God (vv. 11–12). This promise concerns suffering for righteousness and Christ, not consequences caused by our own wrongdoing. Cross-references: 1 Peter 3:14–17; 4:14–16; 2 Timothy 3:12; Acts 5:41.

JESUS, OUR KING AND EXAMPLE

Jesus embodied the humility, mercy, purity, peace, and faithfulness He taught (Philippians 2:5–8; Hebrews 4:15; 12:2). We are saved by grace through faith, not by earning God's favour; we are created in Christ unto good works (Ephesians 2:8–10). Kingdom character grows as we follow the King and become salt and light (Matthew 5:13–16).

CONCLUSION & RESPONSE

The King's charter calls us to repent, trust Christ, and practise His character. Reject pride, turn from sin, hunger for righteousness, forgive, pursue purity, make peace, and remain faithful under pressure. Ask: Where must I change? Whom must I show mercy? What step of obedience will I take this week?

SEVEN PRAYER POINTS

1. Humility: Lord, teach me to depend on You (Matthew 5:3; Psalm 51:17). 2. Repentance: Give me godly sorrow and a willing heart to turn from sin (Matthew 5:4; 2 Corinthians 7:10). 3. Meekness: Govern my words and reactions (Matthew 5:5; Galatians 5:22–23). 4. Righteousness: Give me hunger for Your Word and will (Matthew 5:6; Psalm 119:10–11). 5. Mercy: Help me forgive and serve others (Matthew 5:7; Ephesians 4:32). 6. Purity and peace: Cleanse my heart and make me a peacemaker (Matthew 5:8–9; Psalm 51:10). 7. Faithfulness: Strengthen me to stand for Christ with courage and love (Matthew 5:10–12; Acts 5:41).

MEMORY VERSE

"Blessed are the pure in heart: for they shall see God." - Matthew 5:8 (KJV)

FINAL CHARGE

You cannot remain neutral in a Kingdom reality. Receive the King's grace and let your life increasingly display the character of Jesus Christ.