

“Unlock Understanding – Part 2”

The Gospel for Life
Matthew 5: 8 – 12

2 Keys to Unlock Understanding:

- 1) Examine God’s Word through the lens of Jesus’ life
- 2) Examine the original language the N.T. is written in.
(Greek / Aramaic)

“Blessed are...”

Blissful when God is present & involved in your life. Why? Because you are sharing in the life of God, influenced by God, living a life directed by the hand of God for a divine purpose!

v. 8 *“the pure in heart...”*

“Kardia” used in NT only figuratively as the seat of desires, feelings, affections, passions. (both heart/mind) Clean, clear, unsoiled, unalloyed (Spiritually meaning free from pollution / guilt of sin.)

“...will see God”

They will not only see God but they will perceive Him with their mind (revelation). For God is our Ruler, Judge, the Triune God, which corresponds to the Hebrew title, Elohim, or the OT YHWH. Creator, sustainer, redeemer of the Universe)

v. 9 *“the peacemakers...”*

To make peace, reconciler, refers to those of God’s kingdom who live a life whose tenor & effect are characterized by peace and NOT aggression, militancy, hostility, assertiveness, antagonism, or combativeness.

KEY: Being promised the Fatherly watchcare of God and having been given all things, the believer can live in true selflessness and seek the well-being of others!

“...will be called sons of God”

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v. 10 *“those who are persecuted because of righteousness...”*

1 Peter 3:14 and 2 Timothy 2: 12-13

“...theirs is the kingdom of Heaven”

Their life is marked by the rule of the King within their hearts, and they live continually in the presence of God. They are living in the promises and provision of God without fear. It's as if they are already living in the fullness, even though it's not here fully yet.

v. 11 *“Blessed are you when people persecute you and falsely say all kinds of evil against you because of me””*

This is the kind of behavior Satan is the author of – evil, wickedness, maliciousness. These folks are speaking down or speaking about you in order to try and run you down by accusations. They resist God, so naturally they resist those who walk in His ways.

v. 12 *“Rejoice and be glad, for great is your reward in heaven...”*

This is a command; one we actively choose to obey. It means to take joy in, delight, have gladness, rejoicing with...

To leap very much, like for joy. This describes Jesus' state of mind in John 5 after the 70 returned from being sent out two by two. (Inner ecstasy at seeing His kingdom overthrowing Satan's)