

# For Righteousness'

## Sake

QUEST FOR THE KINGDOM PART 3



**Last week: (matt 5:3) “fortunate (*makayreos*) are the poor in spirit, for theirs is (present tense) the kingdom of heaven.”**

- inclusio w/Matt 5:10**

**Jesus states in vs 3 and 10 that those who find themselves in the position or state of vs 3 and 10, will experience God’s will and desires, his Rule and Reign, in their lives, and it will be a Blessing.**



“Blessed are those who are  
persecuted for righteousness’  
sake, for theirs is the kingdom  
of heaven.

MATTHEW 5:10

# **1. For Righteousness' Sake**

**Righteousness is the way in which things ought to be. It is what is truly right and is truly true.**



**Jesus redefines  
Righteousness as whatever  
He is, does, and teaches.**





**For Righteousness' Sake is  
the same as saying**

***“for being like, doing like, and  
teaching like, Jesus.”***



MATTHEW 5:11-12

**“BLESSED ARE YOU WHEN OTHERS REVILE YOU AND PERSECUTE YOU AND UTTER ALL KINDS OF EVIL AGAINST YOU FALSELY ON MY ACCOUNT. REJOICE AND BE GLAD, FOR YOUR REWARD IS GREAT IN HEAVEN, FOR SO THEY PERSECUTED THE PROPHETS WHO WERE BEFORE YOU.**



## **1 Peter 3:13–17 (ESV)**

**(13) Now who is there to harm you if you are zealous for what is good?**

**(14) But even if you should suffer for righteousness' sake, you will be blessed. Have no fear of them, nor be troubled,**

**(15) but in your hearts honor Christ the Lord as holy, always being prepared to make a defense to anyone who asks you for a reason for the hope that is in you; yet do it with gentleness and respect,**

**(16) having a good conscience, so that, when you are slandered, those who revile your good behavior in Christ may be put to shame.**

**(17) For it is better to suffer for doing good, if that should be God's will, than for doing evil.**