

Matthew 5:1-2

Now when he saw the crowds, he went up on a mountainside and sat down. His disciples came to him,² and he began to teach them, saying:

Deuteronomy 34:10-12

¹⁰ Since then, no prophet has risen in Israel like Moses, whom the Lord knew face to face,¹¹ who did all those miraculous signs and wonders the Lord sent him to do in Egypt—to Pharaoh and to all his officials and to his whole land. ¹² For no one has ever shown the mighty power or performed the awesome deeds that Moses did in the sight of all Israel.

Deuteronomy 18:18

¹⁸ I will raise up for them a prophet like you from among their brothers; I will put my words in his mouth, and he will tell them everything I command him.

Matthew 5:3

³“Blessed are the poor in spirit,
for theirs is the kingdom of heaven.

Matthew 5:4

⁴Blessed are those who mourn,
for they will be comforted.

Matthew 5:5

⁵Blessed are the meek,
for they will inherit the earth.

First 3—God’s kingdom is for all especially the poor, the unimportant, those who grieve and have trouble.- the people on the margins.

Matthew 5:6

⁶Blessed are those who hunger and thirst for righteousness,
for they will be filled.

Matthew 5:7

⁷Blessed are the merciful,
for they will be shown mercy.

Matthew 5:8

⁸Blessed are the pure in heart,
for they will see God.

Second 3: Humans are made for living in right relationships, showing mercy and living from pure motives.

Matthew 5:9

⁹Blessed are the peacemakers,
for they will be called sons of God.

Matthew 5:10

¹⁰Blessed are those who are persecuted because of righteousness,
for theirs is the kingdom of heaven.

Matthew 5:11-12

¹¹“Blessed are you when people insult you, persecute you and falsely say all kinds of evil against you because of me. ¹²Rejoice and be glad, because great is your reward in heaven, for in the same way they persecuted the prophets who were before you.

The Warning 3: Life in the Kingdom is not meant to be easy or trouble free, but it is worth it!

Matthew 5:13a

¹³“You are the salt of the earth.

Leviticus 2:13

¹³Season all your grain offerings with salt. Do not leave the salt of the covenant of your God out of your grain offerings; add salt to all your offerings.

Numbers 18:19

¹⁹Whatever is set aside from the holy offerings the Israelites present to the Lord I give to you and your sons and daughters as your regular share. It is an everlasting covenant of salt before the Lord for both you and your offspring.”

Matthew 5:13b

But if the salt loses its saltiness, how can it be made salty again? It is no longer good for anything, except to be thrown out and trampled by men.

Matthew 5: 14-16

¹⁴“You are the light of the world.

Isaiah 2:2-5

²In the last days the mountain of the Lord’s temple will be established as chief among the mountains; it will be raised above the hills, and all nations will stream to it.

³Many peoples will come and say, “Come, let us go up to the mountain of the Lord, to the house of the God of Jacob.

He will teach us his ways, so that we may walk in his paths.”

The law will go out from Zion, the word of the Lord from Jerusalem.

⁴He will judge between the nations and will settle disputes for many peoples.

They will beat their swords into plowshares
and their spears into pruning hooks.

Nation will not take up sword against nation,
nor will they train for war anymore.

⁵ Come, O house of Jacob,
let us walk in the light of the Lord.

Isaiah 42:1, 6-7

42 “Here is my servant, whom I uphold,
my chosen one in whom I delight;
I will put my Spirit on him
and he will bring justice to the nations.

⁶“I, the Lord, have called you in righteousness;
I will take hold of your hand.
I will keep you and will make you
to be a covenant for the people

and a light for the Gentiles,
to open eyes that are blind,
to free captives from prison
and to release from the dungeon those who sit in darkness.

Matthew 5: 14-16

¹⁴ “You are the light of the world. A city on a hill cannot be hidden. ¹⁵ Neither do people light a lamp and put it under a bowl. Instead they put it on its stand, and it gives light to everyone in the house. ¹⁶ In the same way, let your light shine before men, that they may see your good deeds and praise your Father in heaven.