

BLESSED ARE THE MEEK, FOR THEY SHALL RECEIVE THE KINGDOM OF HEAVEN

BLESSED ARE THE POOR IN SPIRIT, FOR THEY SHALL RECEIVE THE KINGDOM OF HEAVEN

BLESSED ARE THEY WHO MOURN, FOR THEY SHALL RECEIVE MERCY

BLESSED ARE THE PURE IN HEART, FOR THEY SHALL SEE GOD

BEATITUDES

BLESSED ARE THOSE WHO MOURN, FOR THEY SHALL RECEIVE MERCY

BLESSED ARE THOSE WHO HUNGER AND THIRST FOR RIGHTEOUSNESS, FOR THEY SHALL BE SATISFIED

BLESSED ARE THEY WHO ARE PERSECUTED FOR RIGHTEOUSNESS, FOR THEY SHALL RECEIVE THE KINGDOM OF HEAVEN

BLESSED ARE THE PEACEMAKERS, FOR THEY SHALL BE CALLED THE CHILDREN OF GOD

Introduction

- **Poor in Spirit**
 - Don't put trust in your possessions, position, money, or self, but in God
 - Don't be prideful nor dependent on your own works.
 - You have complete dependence on God
- **To Mourn**
 - True recognition of the reality of your sin and are broken before God about them.
 - Mourn at the thought of sin and how it separates you from God.

Tension

- **Think of a situation:**
 - Things didn't go your way
 - You didn't handle a situation well
- **Most people handle those situations out of emotion:**
 - Revenge
 - Snap back
 - Prove others wrong
 - Anger and yelling

Tension

- Jesus doesn't just teach us these things; He calls us to them.



Tension

- **The world tells us to:**
 - Believe what we want to believe
 - Chase what feels good
 - Do what you want
- **Jesus says HUNGER AND THRIST FOR WHAT IS ETERNALLY TRUE AND RIGHT.**
- **True satisfaction isn't found in power but in surrendering to God and pursuing what's right.**

Truth

- **Matthew 5**
- **⁵Blessed are the meek, for they shall inherit the earth.**
- **⁶Blessed are those who hunger and thirst for righteousness, for they shall be satisfied.**

Truth

- **The Meek**
 - **Probably not one you use in your every day language**
 - **Gentleness or humble strength**
 - **Strength under control**
 - **To Be meek is to be a person under authority of Jesus.**
 - **Opposite of meek is someone with pride and impulsiveness**
- **It takes more strength to be submissive than to give in to every internal desire and every emotion or attitude**

Truth

- **The Hungry and Thirsty**

- To live devoted and obedient to the Lord.
- Wanting what is right, loving what is good, and pursuing what is good and holy.
- To Hunger and thirst for righteousness is about truly desiring what is right and true and wanting to do what is right.

Truth

- **We tend to want to define ourselves by our strength or accomplishments, but Jesus redefines it all.**
 - **The meek teach us to submit our lives to God**
 - **The hungry teach us to long for the things of God**
 - **Both remind us that satisfaction in life isn't found in pride or possessions. It's found in the surrender and pursuit of God.**

Application

- **For the meek: Be humble and trusting**
 - Choose humility over pride; trust God instead of trying to prove yourself
 - Don't try to fight to earn the approval of friends
 - Be strong, humble, and confident in living for God
- Where is it hardest to be humble?
- When do you feel the need to prove yourself?

Application

- **For the Hungry: Pursue what's right**
 - To hunger and thirst for righteousness means to crave the things of God more than your own desires.
 - Its not about living perfect; it's about a faithful pursuit and desire to want the things of God.
- **What are you feeding your heart with the most?**
 - God's truth or the world's noise?

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The GOSPEL

Conclusion

- **Seek God's righteousness for your life.**
- **Remember: True satisfaction isn't found in power but in surrendering to God and pursuing what's right.**
- **Live with the true satisfaction that only God can bring.**