

SERMON  
ON THE  
MOUNT

Matthew 5-7



# **SERMON OF THE KINGDOM**

- ▶ **No other single sermon defines:**
  - ▶ **The character of disciples**
  - ▶ **The attitudes of the heart**
  - ▶ **The relationships – good/bad**
  - ▶ **The commitment to life in Jesus**

# **SOME BACKGROUND**

- ▶ **Jesus shares this more than once**
  - ▶ **See Luke 6:20ff**
- ▶ **Importance of the message**
- ▶ **Miracles of 4:23-35 – promo!**
- ▶ **Gathering of common folk**

# SO, IT BEGINS...

- ▶ **Blessed – *makarios***
- ▶ ***Not what you feel, but what God thinks of you - Blessed! – Stott***
- ▶ **Privilege of His people – 1 group**
- ▶ **Response to “religion” of the day**

# BLESSED

- ▶ Heart righteousness, being...(48)
- ▶ And Jesus starts with: the poor?
  - ▶ These had only God as a refuge
  - ▶ Left no one out! Everyone is this!
  - ▶ The only place to start...

# POOR?

- ▶ **What is “poor in spirit?”**
  - ▶ **The up-side down kingdom!**
  - ▶ **Destitute – publicans, harlots, rejects**
  - ▶ **Nothing to offer, no claim to make**
  - ▶ **All they could do was look to God...**

- ▶ **Isa 66:2**
  - ▶ **Ps 34:18; 51:17**
  - ▶ **Prov 22:4**
  - ▶ **2Chron 34:27**
  - ▶ **Isa 57:15; 66:2**
  - ▶ **James 4:6-10**
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# FOR THEIRS IS

- ▶ Not a thing earned, bought
- ▶ Present tense –not “going to be”
- ▶ A gift from the person/work JC
- ▶ All else might be denied, not this!
- ▶ So, what is it He gives?

# KINGDOM

- ▶ Of God = of Heaven (Mt 9:23ff)
- ▶ What is this? OT & NT many times!
- ▶ For now – “rule and reign of God”
- ▶ Beyond politics or social status...
- ▶ “all authority...” Matt 28:18

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- ▶ **Opposite of rage, anger, sin**
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