

SESSION 21

THE BEATITUDES AND THE REVELATION

I. LIVING FOR ETERNITY

- A. We can find quite a bit of connection between [Psalm 37](#) and [Matthew 5-7](#)
- B. Everything in Christian belief hinges on the cross and the resurrection
- C. If Jesus isn't resurrected, what's the point? ([1 Corinthians 15](#))
- D. The promise that God sees you in the secret places and the hope of an eternal reward allows us to live in the knowing that our choices, our obedience, are not for nothing

II. THE BEATITUDES

- A. Jesus highlights something that He esteems and ties it to a reason for blessing ([Matthew 5:3-12](#))
 - 1. The things that Jesus highlights do not necessarily seem attractive
 - 2. However, "do not fear, it's the Father's pleasure to give you the kingdom" ([Luke 12](#))
- B. We can find ourselves in the Beatitudes
- C. "Blessed are the meek for they shall inherit the earth" ([v. 5](#))
 - 1. Jesus, in His goodness, assures us that we will inherit this earth in the New Genesis
- D. The Beatitudes point us towards how we should conduct ourselves, how we can behave like our Father
 - 1. All are image bearers, we are not necessarily all children of God ([v. 9](#))
 - 2. However, God adopts us ([Ephesians 2](#))
- E. When we give witness to the Lord, there will be backlash. Allow Him to fight for you

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III. UN-PRETTY-ING THE BEATITUDES

- A. An overview of the Book of Revelation
 - 1. John is in exile, sees Jesus, falls “as a dead man” ([Revelation 1](#))
 - 2. Jesus gives a message to the 7 churches ([Revelation 2-3](#))
 - 3. John is in the throne room ([Revelation 4-5](#))
 - 4. The Seals on the Scroll ([Revelation 6](#))
 - 5. The Trumpets ([Revelation 8](#))
 - 6. A glimpse into the restoration of all things ([Revelation 22](#))
- B. Revelation is like a paraphrase of the Prophets
- C. Here is this God of Glory, who knows my name, knows my struggle, has specific encouragement for my struggle, and specific rewards for my struggle
- D. The one who the song is written about in [Revelation 5:13](#) declares that the Kingdom will be ours if we can just walk in His ways
- E. There is a promise of what is to come; a promise that the struggles of the Beatitudes will become former things that have passed away ([Revelation 21](#))
- F. One day criminality will be a former thing, the meek will inherit the earth under the leadership of The Perfect King