

Summer on the Mount: Week 2 / The Climb to Flourishing

Matthew 5:1–12 (CSB)

When he saw the crowds, he went up on the mountain, and after he sat down, his disciples came to him. ²Then he began to teach them, saying:

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

¹¹“You are blessed when they insult you and persecute you and falsely say every kind of evil against you because of me. ¹²Be glad and rejoice, **because your reward is great in heaven**. For that is how they persecuted the prophets who were before you.

Let your satisfaction in Jesus redefine the “blessed” or flourishing life.

1. Flourishing Through Dependence: Blessed are the Poor in Spirit (v.3)

- Matthew 19:23–24 (CSB) Jesus said to his disciples, “**Truly I tell you, it will be hard for a rich person to enter the kingdom of heaven. Again I tell you, it is easier for a camel to go through the eye of a needle than for a rich person to enter the kingdom of God.**”

Kingdom Promise:

- "Theirs is the kingdom of heaven."

2. Flourishing Through Grief: Blessed are Those Who Mourn (v.4)

Kingdom Promise:

- "They will be comforted."

3. Flourishing Through Surrender: Blessed are the Humble (v.5)

Kingdom Promise:

- "They will inherit the earth."

4. Flourishing Through Holy Desire: Blessed are Those Who Hunger and Thirst for Righteousness (v.6)

Kingdom Promise:

- "They will be satisfied."

5. Flourishing Through Mercy: Blessed are the Merciful (v.7)

Kingdom Promise:

- "They will receive mercy." We can treat people differently because in Christ WE have been treated differently. When we are flourishing in our satisfaction of Christ mercy is an easy thing to give away.

6. Flourishing Through Purity: Blessed are the Pure in Heart (v.8)

Kingdom Promise:

- "They will see God."

7. Flourishing Through Peacemaking: Blessed are the Peacemakers (v.9)

Kingdom Promise:

- "They shall be called sons of God."

8. Flourishing Through Faithful Endurance: Blessed are Those Persecuted for Righteousness' Sake (v.10)

Kingdom Promise:

- "Theirs is the kingdom of heaven."

9. Flourishing Through Identification with Christ: Blessed are You When Others Revile You (vv.11–12)

Kingdom Promise:

- "Your reward is great in heaven."

Conclusion: The Blessed Life Is the Kingdom Life

The Beatitudes form a portrait of Jesus Himself:

- He was poor in spirit.
- He mourned.
- He was meek.
- He hungered for righteousness.
- He showed mercy.
- He was pure in heart.
- He made peace through the cross.
- He was persecuted and reviled.

Jesus does not merely teach the Beatitudes—He embodies them.

So the question this morning is not, "How can I become more poor in spirit, more merciful, more pure, or more meek?" The question is this: Am I so satisfied in Jesus that He is redefining what I call blessed?

Because the blessed life is not found in getting everything you want. The blessed life is found in wanting Christ above everything else.