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WOW: Word on Wednesday
Blessings in the Beatitudes
Matthew 5:3-12

Intro: The Beatitudes help us better understand the blessings God has in store for us and what it means to be a follower of Jesus. What are the Beatitudes? The word Beatitude means “supreme blessedness or exalted happiness”. The Beatitudes are an outline on how to be a righteous disciple and are noted in the powerful sermon called the Sermon on the Mount. In it, there are eight important teachings and highlight the amazing, promised blessings that come when we develop certain righteous traits.

1. The Kingdom and Believers

- a. **The Poor in Spirit** – acknowledging one’s own spiritual bankruptcy. 2 Corinthians 8:9
 - i. *The role* – God blesses those who realize their need for Him. To be poor in spirit is to be humble and teachable. Jesus wants us always to humbly acknowledge our need for Him. Proverbs 2:8
Matthew 6:21
 - ii. *The reward* – the Kingdom of heaven is given to them.

2. Blessed are those that Mourn, for they shall be comforted

- a. *The role* – God blesses those who mourn. We will face challenges and problems that will test us. As we mourn our losses or trials, we are promised that we will be blessed as we endure. Revelation 21:4
- b. *The reward* – God will send His Holy Spirit to comfort us in times of need. They will be comforted. Isaiah 61:2-3
John 11:35

3. Blessed are the Meek, for they shall inherit the Earth

- a. *The role* – God blesses the gentle and lowly, patient, and tolerant: not the proud, mighty, or conceited. Titus 3:2
Matthew 11:29
- b. *The reward* – The whole earth will belong to them. Jesus showed His meekness by being willing to submit to the will of God. Luke 22:42

4. Blesses are they which do Hunger and Thirst after Righteousness, for they shall be filled

- a. *The role* – God blesses those who seek after justice. 1 John 2:29
“having an intense, ongoing, and deep longing for both personal and ethical purity” Psalm 106:3
1 Peter 3:14
- b. *The reward* – For God’s justice to be realized in the world.

5. Blessed are the Merciful, for they shall be shown Mercy

- a. *The role* – God loves those who are merciful, showing compassion, forgiveness, and active kindness toward those who are weaker. To Luke 6:36
Matthew 9:13

those who have been wronged, reflect on God's own mercy. In this time of meanness, we must show mercy!

- b. *The reward* – They will be shown mercy.

Colossians 3:12

6. Blessed are the Pure in Heart, for they will see God

Ezekiel 36:26

- a. *The role* – This describes those with a sincere and undivided devotion to God, with the promise they will have a divine revelation. God blesses those whose hearts are pure.

Jeremiah 17:10

Proverbs 4:23

- i. *Inner alignment* = intentions, motives, and integrity

- b. *The reward* – They will see God.

7. Blessed are the Peacemakers, for they will be called children of God

2 Thessalonians 3:16

- a. *The role* – God blesses those who work for peace.

John 16:33

- i. Those who actively work to create peace.

- ii. Not just the absence of conflict, but a more perfect Union.

1 Samuel 26:3

- b. *The reward* – They will be called children of God.

- i. *Divine value* – the phrase highlights the high value placed on fostering reconciliation and harmony between people.

Romans 12:18

- ii. Peacemaking is more than simply “keeping the peace” or avoiding conflict. It requires active effort to resolve tension.

- iii. It requires wholeness

1. Examples of peacemaking -

1 Corinthians 14:33

- a. Speak gentle words of love

- b. Speak truth when difficult

- c. Holding each other accountable for promoting peace

8. Blessed are those who are Persecuted for Righteousness' sake, for theirs is the Kingdom of heaven

- a. *The role* – This refers to being mistreated, insulted, or harmed for doing what's right. It is a promise for those who suffer hardship, insults, or injustice for their faith and love of God.

- i. *Identifying with Christ*: suffering for righteousness aligns a believer with Jesus' own suffering and sacrifice.

- b. *The reward* – For theirs is the kingdom of heaven.

- i. The ultimate blessing means their reward will greet them in the afterlife. This promise is a spiritual fulfillment and vindication from God.

- ii. We as believers are encouraged to be joyful even in suffering.