



# The Life of Jesus

## A CHRONOLOGICAL STUDY

### Lesson 37: Sermon on the Mount – Part 2

#### Matthew 5:1-12

#### I. vv.1-2

A. Latin word for blessed is “beatitude” - Just like the *Magnificat* or the *Benedictus* - Very Old Testament to speak of blessings coming from God

➤ J. Vernon McGee: These are the BE attitudes not the DO attitudes

B. How do I get The Kingdom of Heaven? Comforted? Inherit the earth? Satisfaction? Mercy? To see God? To be a child of God? Rewarded? By being blessed

C. How do I get blessed?

1. Recognize your State

2. Repent of Sin

3. Resemble the Savior (Meek, hunger and thirst, merciful - Pure, peacemaker and persecuted)

#### II. v.3 – Are you poor in spirit?

A. How do I get in the Kingdom of Heaven? 1. You can’t earn it or buy a ticket in. 2. If it was for sale you couldn’t afford it.

B. What is the “Kingdom of Heaven”

1. Unlike the others, this has a present tense verb: the kingdom of heaven IS theirs

2. Greek word for heaven is *ouranous* (where we get planet Uranus) - 284 times in the NT; 74 in Matthew

3. In the present its submission to God – In the future its where we want to be headed

C. Same word for spirit is used for the Holy Spirit

D. “Poor” is an adjective and means “to crouch down”

E. Remember Jesus' first sermon in Nazareth - He reads from Isaiah 61:1

**III. v.4** – Why do we mourn?

A. Remember Jesus is the Suffering Servant in Isaiah

B. Internally: We who love our sins/habits will mourn their loss - Externally: Suffering for the sake of Christ - Expect it

C. What's the blessing? Comfort - Greek is "called to one's side"

**IV. v.5** – Are you meek?

A. Matthew 11:28-30

B. The word is an adjective - only used 3 times in the NT - in 1<sup>st</sup> Peter and the Triumphal Entry (Jesus was meek on His donkey ride)

C. Meekness as a Fruit of the Spirit is a noun in Galatians 5

D. Psalm 37:10-13

**V. v.6** – Do you hunger and thirst for righteousness?

A. This is sanctification

B. Isaiah 55:1-2

**VI. v.7** – Are you merciful?

A. A tale of two "mercies" - 1<sup>st</sup> mercy is a verb - its action; 2<sup>nd</sup> is an adjective

B. This isn't "dispense justice"

C. Exodus 34:6-9

**VII. v.8** – Are you pure in heart?

A. Matthew 15:17-20

B. Psalm 24:3-6

**VIII. v.9** – Are you a peacemaker?

A. Its peacemaker not peacekeeper

B. Isaiah 32:16-17

**IX. v.10** – Expect to be persecuted

A. Note the tense change again as to kingdom of heaven like v.3

B. Expect persecution - Psalm 119:81-88

**X. vv.11-12** – Our Reward is in Heaven

A. Building toward salt and light

B. Plan on:

1. Being reviled/mock

2. Persecuted

3. Lies told on you

B. We are getting these because we follow Him - on account of Him

C. “Prophets before you” shows again He is speaking to disciples

**XI. My Take Aways**

A. Internal:

- Be humble/poor in spirit
- Be mournful in our actions
- Be meek and gentle

B. External

- Hunger and thirst for righteousness
- Show mercy
- Be pure in your heart
- Be a peacemaker

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