

Attitudes That Ought to Be In Us

Matthew 5:1-12

Wednesday, October 5th

The Beatitudes are eight attitudes in believers that God blesses.

1. To be blessed is to be like God (1 Timothy 1:11, 6:15)
2. To be blessed is to be truly righteous (Matthew 5:20)

1. Blessed are the Humble (5:3)

- A. Poor in spirit does not mean poor in money
- B. Poor in spirit means total dependence on God (Luke 21:2 and 16:20)

2. Blessed are the Sad (5:4)

- A. Jesus opens the beatitudes with a paradox
- B. Jesus' second beatitude naturally follows the first

3. Blessed are the Submissive (5:5)

- A. This submission is pictured in Matthew 21:5
- B. This submission was practiced by Moses (Numbers 12:3)

4. Blessed are the Hungry (5:6)

- A. Jesus is talking about a necessity (4:4)
- B. Jesus is talking about a process (Psalm 63:1)

5. Blessed are the Compassionate (5:7)

- A. God is merciful (Luke 6:35-36)
- B. Mercy is the positive side of meekness

6. Blessed are the Pure (5:8)

- A. Jesus is talking about inward purity (Matthew 23)
- B. Jesus promised the pure will see God

7. Blessed are the Peacemakers (5:9)

- A. Peacemakers have a right attitude toward God
- B. Peacemakers have a right attitude toward people

8. Blessed are the Persecuted (5:10-12)

- A. The paradox of persecution (10)
- B. The problem of persecution (11)
- C. The people who are persecution (12)