

Seeing Christ's Redemptive Work for Now
Sunday, September 12, 2021

- XIII. We could spend an enormous amount of time on each one of The Beatitudes but for our purpose of studying the Sermon on the Mount we will summarize each thought!
- A. Remember what we have realized from the start of each Beatitude!
1. "Blessed" is more than just "happy!"
 2. It literally means: Complete, sufficient unto itself and a first taste of eternal life!
 3. In other words: When someone does these things, they are showing they have "divine nature" or "divine attributes!"

Matthew 5:1-12

1 Jesus saw many people. He went up on the mountain and sat down. His followers came to Him. 2 He began to teach them, saying, 3 "Those who know there is nothing good in themselves are happy, because the holy nation of heaven is theirs. 4 Those who have sorrow are happy, because they will be comforted. 5 Those who have no pride in their hearts are happy, because the earth will be given to them. 6 Those who are hungry and thirsty to be right with God are happy, because they will be filled. 7 Those who show loving-kindness are happy, because they will have loving-kindness shown to them. 8 Those who have a pure heart are happy, because they will see God. 9 Those who make peace are happy, because they will be called the sons of God. 10 Those who have it very hard for doing right are happy, because the holy nation of heaven is theirs. 11 You

are happy when people act and talk in a bad way to you and make it very hard for you and tell bad things and lies about you because you trust in Me. 12 Be glad and full of joy because your reward will be much in heaven. They made it very hard for the early preachers who lived a long time before you.

- B. “Those who can admit they are poor in spirit have the divine attributes of God living in them and they live from the perspective of God’s Kingdom!”
 - 1. These are those who are aware and admit their utter need for God and inability in themselves!

Romans 7:18

18 I know there is nothing good in me, that is, in my flesh. For I want to do good but I do not.

- 2. When you are able to humble yourself and admit this, you begin to live from God’s perspective!!
- C. “Those who can mourn their personal condition have the divine attributes of God living in them and they will be comforted by God!”
 - 1. Brokenness is essential in Christian maturity!
 - 2. It is a brokenness of realizing how different from God we really are!
 - 3. Remember all of the “hard sayings” of Jesus when the disciples said, “C’mon man!”
- D. “Those who are meek and gentle have divine attributes living in them and these qualities will make a place for them!”

1. The meek are not quick to take offense and get their feelings hurt!
2. They are patient with others because they realize how patient God is with them!
3. Are you willing to take a good hard look at how you may have been wrong about something?
4. Your impressions, conclusions or convictions may not be things the Lord is concerned with!
5. The meek are not quick to get angry!
6. The meek have self control and a firm hold on their emotions!

E. “Those who hunger and thirst to be right with God have His divine attributes living in them and they will be filled and satisfied in life!”

1. Let’s face it, few, if any of us in our present context know little about true hunger and thirst!
2. Jesus was referring to severe hunger pangs of those living in the desert region of first century Palestine!
3. A desperation of not knowing where your next nourishment would come from or if you would even survive.
4. Do you genuinely and deeply desire for the you and the world around you to be right with God?

- F. “Those who are merciful in life have divine attributes and will be shown mercy themselves!”
 - 1. Jesus’ life reveals a God of mercy!
 - 2. The Latin word used here for mercy means, “the heart of God touching our misery!”
 - 3. Jesus says that if we live from a life of mercy we will also be shown mercy in life!

Matthew 7:2 (NIV)

2 For in the same way you judge others, you will be judged, and with the measure you use, it will be measured to you.

- G. “Those who have a pure and undivided heart are showing divine attributes and they will see God moving all around them!”
 - 1. The word “pure” here means “unmixed.”
 - 2. A heart and life that is completely focused on the Lord and His life!
 - 3. A life that is not “compartmentalized” but allows God’s direction in EVERYTHING!
- H. “Those who work for peace and unity show the attributes and nature of God in their lives and it is obvious they are God’s children!”
 - 1. This peace is one that is a “unifying peace” in that there is a peaceful existence when the “parts” come together to make “the whole!”

2. It is being an instrument in God's hand!
- I. Jesus ends this part of His introduction into this new Kingdom Life by saying, "Those who suffer for doing what's right are being like God and they can expect to be with Him!"
 1. You may have a tough time now, but God's presence is your final reward!
 2. The prophets learned to live contrary to world!