

Living The Beatitudes...

Matt. 5:3-12



3Blessed are **the poor in spirit**: for theirs is the kingdom of heaven.

- ***The poor in spirit:***

- Not poor-spirited, not poor materially; but...
- Those who are destitute of pride, arrogance, who recognize their dependence on and unworthiness before God.

- **Theirs is the kingdom of heaven.**

- Matt. 18:3 → “Except ye be converted, and become as little children, ye shall not enter into the kingdom of heaven.”

- **The Publican.** (Lk. 18:9-14)

13 And the publican, standing afar off, would not lift up so much as his eyes unto heaven, but smote upon his breast, saying, God be merciful to me a sinner.

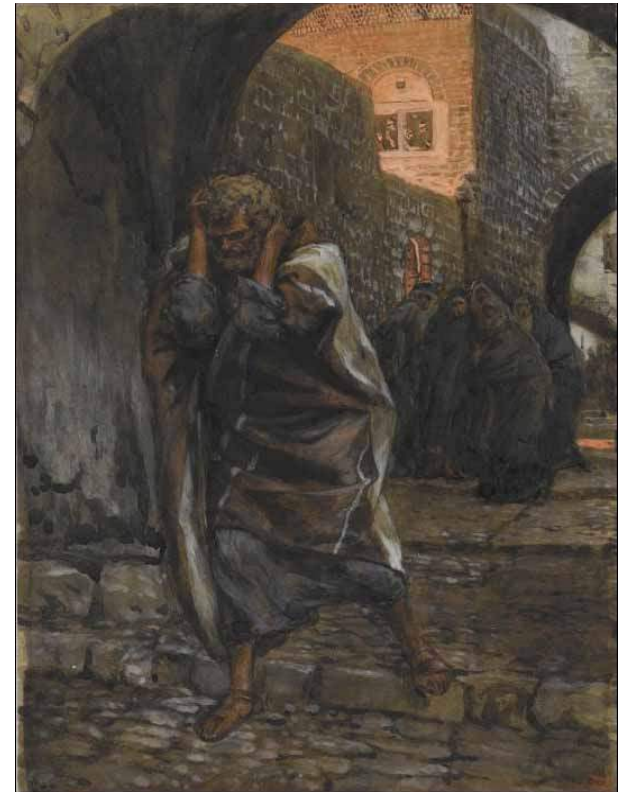


4 Blessed are **they that mourn**: for they shall be comforted.

- ***They that mourn:***

- Heart that is deeply affected with sorrow over sin and its consequences.
- Sees sin as God sees sin and not as society sees sin.
- Has a conscience that is touched when it does wrong.
- Mourns over sin and genuinely repents.
(Ps. 119:136; II Cor. 7:9-11)

- **The Apostle Peter.** (Matt. 26:69-75)

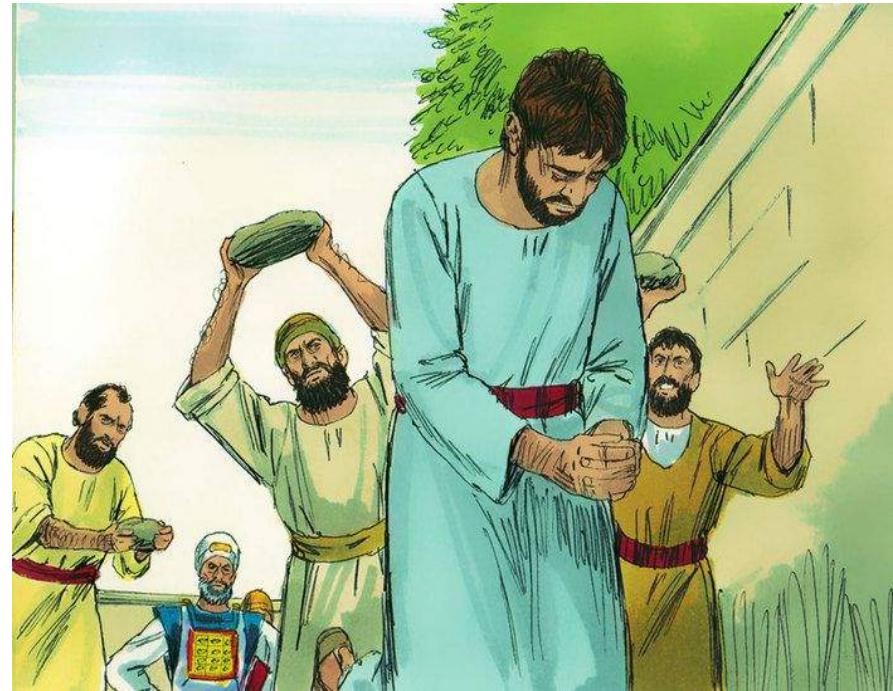


74 Then began he to curse and to swear, saying, I know not the man. And immediately the cock crew. 75 And Peter remembered the word of Jesus, which said unto him, Before the cock crow, thou shalt deny me thrice. And he went out, and wept bitterly.

5 Blessed are **the meek**: for they shall inherit the earth.

- ***The Meek:***

- Not wishy-washy and weak. Not a spineless coward.
- The opposite of self-assertiveness and self-interest.
- Bears injustice from strength, gentleness, patient endurance of injury. Does not seek to avenge self. (Rom. 12:18-21)
- Jesus said: “I am meek...” (Matt. 11:28)



- **Stephen (Acts 7)**

59 And they stoned Stephen, calling upon God, and saying, Lord Jesus, receive my spirit. 60 And he kneeled down, and cried with a loud voice, Lord, lay not this sin to their charge. And when he had said this, he fell asleep.

6 Blessed are **they which do hunger and thirst after righteousness**: for they shall be filled.

- ***To hunger and thirst after righteousness:***
 - To know what is right. (Rom. 1:16-17)
 - To do what is right. (I Jn. 3:7; Acts 10:34-35)
 - To be right in the sight of God. (Rom. 3:21ff)
- **The Ethiopian Eunuch.** (Acts 8:26-40)



36 And as they went on their way, they came unto a certain water: and the eunuch said, See, here is water; what doth hinder me to be baptized? 38 And he commanded the chariot to stand still: and they went down both into the water, both Philip and the eunuch; and he baptized him.

7 Blessed are **the merciful**: for they shall obtain mercy.

- ***The merciful:***

- Compassionate.
- I said, LORD, be **merciful** unto me: heal my soul; for I have sinned against thee. (Ps. 41:4; Heb. 8:12)
- Feeling and showing sympathy or concern for others.

- **Barnabas: “son of consolation”**

- Sells land to give to the needy. (Acts 4:36-37)
- Befriends Saul when others are fearful. (Acts 9:26-27)
- Exhorts Christians in Antioch. (Acts 11:22-23; 26)
- Carries relief to needy saints in Jerusalem. (Act 11:27-30)
- Carries the gospel to the lost. (Acts 13-15)
- Encourages John Mark. (Acts 15:37; II Tim. 4:11; I Pet. 5:13)



Barnabas (which is translated "son of encouragement"), **37** sold a field that belonged to him and brought the money and placed it at the apostles' feet.

8 Blessed are **the pure in heart**: for they shall see God.

- ***Pure in heart:***

- Pure character. (Prov. 4:23; Phil. 4:8)
- Pure motives. (I Cor. 13:1-3; Gal. 5:6)
- Pure service. (Phil. 3:13)

- **The Apostle Paul:**

- Phil. 4:8 → Finally, brethren, whatsoever things are true, whatsoever things are honest, whatsoever things are just, whatsoever things are pure, whatsoever things are lovely, whatsoever things are of good report; if there be any virtue, and if there be any praise, think on these things.

- Gal 5:6 → 6 For in Jesus Christ neither circumcision availeth any thing, nor uncircumcision; but faith which worketh by love.
- Phil. 3:13 → 13 Brethren, I count not myself to have apprehended: but this one thing I do, forgetting those things which are behind, and reaching forth unto those things which are before,



9 Blessed are **the peacemakers**: for they shall be called the children of God.

- ***The peacemakers:***

- Those who seek to remove enmity and bring about reconciliation.
- Peace between God and man. (II Cor. 5:18-19)
- Peace between man and man. (Matt. 18:15-18; 5:24) Does not compromise peace with God. (Js. 3:17; II Jn. 9)

- **Abraham.** (Gen. 13:7-9)

Let there be no strife, I pray thee, between me and thee, and between my herdmen and thy herdmen; for we be]brethren. (Gen. 13:8)



10-12 Blessed are they which are **persecuted for righteousness' sake**: for theirs is the kingdom of heaven. Blessed are ye, when men shall revile you, and persecute you, and shall say all manner of evil against you falsely, for my sake...

- ***Persecuted:***

- Those who are put to flight; driven away.
- Those who are harassed, pursued, afflicted, attacked because of their faith.
- “...all who desire to live godly in Christ Jesus will be persecuted. (II Tim. 3:12; NASB)
 - Stephen
 - James
 - Paul
 - Antipas
 - John
- I Pet. 4:16

