

THE BEATITUDES - Matthew 5:1-12

Characteristics of the Heirs of the Kingdom - Evidences of Repentance

VERSE	QUALITY	DEFINITION	BLESSING	EXPLANATION	APPLICATION
Matt. 5:3	“poor in spirit”	acknowledge sinfulness; spiritual bankruptcy (Isa. 66:2b; 2 Cor. 8:9)	“theirs is the kingdom of heaven”	kingdom is not for the self-righteous (Isaiah 66:2; Psalm 51:17; Isaiah 57:15)	<i>Poor in Spirit</i> : recognize our total depravity and inability to please God
Matt. 5:4	“mourn”	sorrowful response to state of sinfulness (Micah. 7:1-7; 2 Cor. 7:10; Jam. 4:9; Luke 6:25)	“shall be comforted”	our sorrow is replaced with joy (Psa. 137:1; Isa. 61:2; 63:13; Zech. 12:1–13:9)	Mourn: godly sorrow leads to repentance, not depression
Matt. 5:5	‘gentle’	meek, humble in relationship to God, submissive (Ps. 37:11; Matt. 11:29; 21:5; Eph. 5:21)	“shall inherit the earth”	promise of land to Israel (Psa. 37:11; Isa. 11:1-4; 29:18-20; 2:4; Psa. 76:9)	<i>Gentle</i> : controlled strength; our humble submission is in recognition of the holiness of God
Matt. 5:6	“hunger and thirst for righteousness”	desire for spiritual growth, knowledge of the Word of God, Christlikeness in our lives	“shall be satisfied”	Christ as righteous King (Isa. 62:1-2; Zech 3:4-5)	<i>Hunger/Thirst</i> : we must want to grow in our relationship with the Lord; desire to know His Word
Matt. 5:7	“merciful”	forgiveness based on cross; grace (Eph. 4:32)	“shall receive mercy”	principle of reciprocity (Luke 6:38; Matt. 6:12; Isa. 62:1-2; Zech. 3:4-5)	<i>Merciful</i> : we must be willing to forgive others because God has forgiven us
Matt. 5:8	“pure in heart”	absence of personal sin ; motivations that please God (1 John 1:7; 1 Tim. 3:16; John 1:18; 14:7-9)	“shall see God”	Jesus Christ, son of God; heaven in His presence (Psa. 24:3-5)	<i>Pure</i> : confession of sin for inward cleansing from sin; righteous motivation
Matt. 5:9	“peacemakers”	proclaim way of inward peace, agents of reconciliation (2 Cor. 5:20-21) evangelism	“shall be called sons of God”	peace is evidence of salvation (John 13:35; Gal. 3:26; Isa. 11:9; 32:17-18)	<i>Peacemaker</i> : Because we are at peace with God, we will live in peace with others; share Christ
Matt. 5:10	“persecuted for the sake of righteousness”	persecuted by the self-righteous; result of godly living (Dan. 9:25-27; 1 Pet. 3:17)	“theirs is the kingdom of heaven”	persecution is proof of our relationship with the King (John 15:20)	<i>Persecuted</i> : Persecution identifies us with Christ when it is because of righteousness.