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Introduction

1. Context and Setting

Matthew 5:1 - Jesus sees the multitudes and goes up on a mountain.

Matthew 4:25 - Crowd context: large crowds from various regions following Jesus.

Parallel to Exodus 19:3-6 - Moses goes up the mountain to receive the Law from God.

Deuteronomy 18:15-19 - Prophecy of a prophet like Moses.

The Beatitudes (Matthew 5:1-16)

1. Blessed are the Poor in Spirit (Matthew 5:3)

Cross Reference:

Isaiah 66:2 - God is near to the humble and contrite.

Matthew 5:1-16: Outline



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James 2:5 - The poor in spirit, rich in faith, and heirs of the Kingdom.

2. Blessed are Those Who Mourn (Matthew 5:4)

Cross Reference:

Isaiah 61:1-2 - Comfort for those who mourn.

Psalm 34:18 - The Lord is near to the brokenhearted and saves the crushed in spirit.

Revelation 21:4 - God will wipe away every tear.

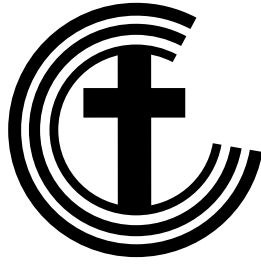
3. Blessed are the Meek (Matthew 5:5)

Cross Reference:

Psalm 37:11 - The meek shall inherit the land.

Zephaniah 2:3 - Seek the Lord, all you meek of the earth.

James 1:21 - Receive the word with meekness.



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4. Blessed are Those Who Hunger and Thirst for Righteousness (Matthew 5:6)

Cross Reference:

Psalm 42:1-2 - Thirsting for God.

John 4:14 - Whoever drinks of the water Jesus gives will never thirst.

Isaiah 55:1-2 - Invitation to the thirsty to come and be satisfied.

5. Blessed are the Merciful (Matthew 5:7)

Cross Reference:

Luke 6:36 - Be merciful, as your Father is merciful.

James 2:13 - Mercy triumphs over judgment.

Hebrews 2:17 - Jesus, our merciful and faithful high priest.



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6. Blessed are the Pure in Heart (Matthew 5:8)

Cross Reference:

Psalm 24:3-4 - Who may ascend the hill of the Lord?
He who has a pure heart.

Psalm 73:1 - Truly God is good to those who are pure
in heart.

1 John 3:2-3 - When He appears, we shall be like
Him, pure as He is pure.

7. Blessed are the Peacemakers (Matthew 5:9)

Cross Reference:

Isaiah 52:7 - How beautiful are the feet of those who
bring good news of peace.

Romans 12:18 - If possible, live peaceably with all.

2 Corinthians 5:18-20 - Ministry of reconciliation.



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8. Blessed are Those Who are Persecuted for Righteousness' Sake (Matthew 5:10)

Cross Reference:

2 Timothy 3:12 - All who desire to live godly in Christ Jesus will suffer persecution.

1 Peter 3:14 - Even if you suffer for righteousness' sake, you are blessed.

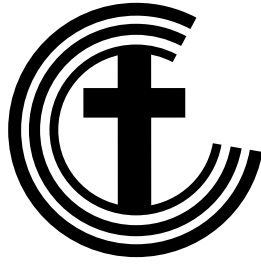
9. Blessed are You When They Revile and Persecute You (Matthew 5:11-12)

Cross Reference:

John 15:18-20 - Jesus teaches that the world will hate His disciples as it hated Him.

Acts 5:41 - Rejoicing in being counted worthy to suffer dishonor for Jesus' name.

James 1:2-4 - Consider it pure joy when you face trials of many kinds.



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10. Salt and Light (Matthew 5:13-16)

Salt of the Earth (Matthew 5:13):

Leviticus 2:13 - Salt every offering.

Mark 9:49-50 - Everyone will be salted with fire; have salt in yourselves.

Romans 12:1 - Present your bodies as a living sacrifice.

Light of the World (Matthew 5:14-16):

John 8:12 - Jesus, the Light of the World.

Philippians 2:15 - Shine as lights in the world.

Isaiah 49:6 - A light to the nations.

Review the transformative work of the Holy Spirit in Him helping believers embody these attitudes.

Acknowledge the emphasis that the Lord places on these Kingdom principles for living out one's faith authentically and how that's done by the power of the Holy Spirit.



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Look for where the Holy Spirit is encouraging and prompting you to join Him in how He can apply the Beatitudes to your situations and circumstances.

Key Verses for Reflection and Prayer

Numbers 6:24-26 - The Lord bless you and keep you.

Psalms 139:23-24 - Search me, O God, and know my heart.

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