

# Introduction to the Beatitudes

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## Matthew 5:1-12

## Introduction

**5** Now when Jesus saw the crowds, he went up on a mountainside and sat down. His disciples came to him, **2** and he began to teach them.

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

**7** Blessed are the merciful,  
for they will be shown mercy.

**4** Blessed are those who mourn,  
for they will be comforted.

**8** Blessed are the pure in heart,  
for they will see God.

**5** Blessed are the meek,  
for they will inherit the earth.

**9** Blessed are the peacemakers,  
for they will be called children of God.

**6** Blessed are those who hunger  
and thirst for righteousness,  
for they will be filled.

**10** Blessed are those who are persecuted  
because of righteousness,  
for theirs is the kingdom of heaven.

## Let's Reflect

- What are the beatitudes and what do they show us?
- Why do you think these words are memorable and important?

## Let's Consider

*Martyn Lloyd-Jones had this to say about the Beatitudes: “Read the Beatitudes, and there you have a description of what every Christian is meant to be. It is not merely the description of some exceptional Christians. Our Lord does not say here that He is going to paint a picture of what certain outstanding characters are going to be and can be in this world. It is His description of every single Christian.”*

- Do you agree with these words? Why or why not?
- Which of the beatitudes resonate most with you right now in this season?

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## Let's Apply

- Can you think of practical ways we can embody these Beatitudes in our day to day life?
- How can these 'characteristics of life in God's kingdom' shape our reliance on the Holy Spirit, how we pray, and how we see other Christians?

## Let's Pray

That as we begin our study in the Beatitudes, the Holy Spirit would transform our values and align our hearts, attitudes, and character with those Jesus calls Blessed.