



JESUS

LIONMAN of JUDAH

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PART 34: THE BEATITUDES

Sermon on the Mount: **PART 1**

Matthew 5:1-12; Luke 6:17-26

THE SERMON ON THE MOUNT

- Recorded in Matthew 5-7 and Luke 6:17-47
- Addressed to Jesus' followers, but crowds allowed to listen in. (Luke 6:17-20)

The Kingdom of God is counter-cultural.
It is an **UPSIDE DOWN** Kingdom.

The Kingdom of God is **ALREADY** inaugurated,
but **NOT YET** fully realized.

Therefore, we can live and see aspects of it on this earth, but one day Jesus will come again and finish what he has begun and his Kingdom will be fully realized.

The Church is called to **BE & BUILD** Jesus' Kingdom, with each local church being an **OUTPOST** of his Kingdom.

THE BEATITUDES

- Opening of Jesus' Sermon on the Mount.
- "Blessing" statements describing the people of God's Kingdom.
- **Beatitudes** = from the Latin, "beatus" meaning "blessed, happy"
- Each beatitude seems to be a contradiction in terms, each sounds like nonsense unless it is understood from God's perspective.
- Each beatitude has a statement of blessing, and a description of the blessing.

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

Blessed are you who are poor, for yours is the kingdom of God. – Luke 6:20

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

Blessed are you who weep now, for you shall laugh. – Luke 6:22b

[Woe to you who laugh now, for you shall mourn and weep. – Luke 6:25b]

⁵ Blessed are the meek, for they shall inherit the earth.

[But woe to you who are rich, for you have received your consolation. – Luke 6:24]

⁶ Blessed are those who hunger and thirst for righteousness, for they shall be satisfied.

Blessed are you who are hungry now, for you shall be satisfied. – Luke 6:21a

[Woe to you who are full now, for you shall be hungry. – Luke 6:25a]

⁷ Blessed are the merciful, for they shall receive mercy.

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

⁹ Blessed are the peacemakers, for they shall be called sons of God.

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

Blessed are you when people hate you and when they exclude you and revile you and spurn your name as evil, on account of the Son of Man! Rejoice in that day, and leap for joy, for behold, your reward is great in heaven; for so their fathers did to the prophets.

– Luke 6:22-23

[Woe to you, when all people speak well of you, for so their fathers did to the false prophets. – Luke 6:26]

Each time you find yourself on the front end of these statements, it is an **OPPORTUNITY** to live God's Kingdom on this earth.

1:10 COMMUNITY GROUP HOMEWORK



Open Your Group in Prayer. Use the Prayer Guide on the next page for Suggestions.

Read Matthew 5:1-12.

1. What stands out to you from this opening to Jesus' Sermon on the Mount?
2. Does Jesus start his sermon with what we are to do? Or who we are to be? In other words, is he starting his message by describing who his people are? Or by prescribing what they should do?

Read Luke 6:17-23.

3. Who is in the crowd? Where have they come from? Why did they come?
4. Who is Jesus addressing?
5. From this passage and Matthew's account, what qualities ought to characterize "kingdom people"? Make a list.
6. How would you define each item on this list?
7. What is the present blessing for each item, and what is the future blessing for each item?
8. **Read Revelation 1:5b-6.** Who are God's "kingdom people"? Who makes them part of God's kingdom? How?

Read Luke 6:24-26.

9. Who is Jesus addressing here?
10. How should we understand each warning he gives here?
11. How do these promised blessings compare with what most people in the world prize? Would/does the world admire "kingdom people"? Why and/or why not?
12. For each of these qualities, do you think of someone who seems to model that well?
13. Which of these qualities do you most desire to be part of your life? Which do you most avoid? Why?

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