

## “The Beatitudes (part 2)” *Matthew 5:1-12*

**Open:** *Review of last week's lesson.* (Review not Reteach)

- **Blessed = Happy, happy.** To receive a double blessing.
  - Blessed, (happy, happy), are the poor in spirit; for theirs is the kingdom of heaven. **vs. 3**
    - God wants us to understand that faith is required to enjoy the Christian life to its fullest. We must understand that those who trust in earthly riches will not enjoy life.
    - Bible is teaching us that if we are to enjoy, on earth, the things of God; we must humble ourselves and live as one who is solely depended on God to provide for our needs. Childlike faith.
  - Blessed, (happy happy), are they that mourn for they shall be comforted. **vs. 4**
    - You will not get through life without loss difficult circumstances or hardships; but you can get through those times by trusting in God.
    - We shouldn't sorrow as those who have no hope.
    - We will find strength in mourning by helping other people.

### **I. Blessed are the Meek: for they shall inherit the earth.** (vs. 5)

- **Meekness** = *Not feeling superior nor is it feeling inferior; One who lives their life in comparison to God and not to those around them or in lieu of the current circumstances.*
  - Those who live life emotionally or comparing themselves to others, will live their life rationally by man's logic and find themselves making poor decisions. **II Cor. 10:12** “*For we dare not make ourselves of the number, or compare ourselves with some that commend themselves: but they measuring themselves by themselves, and comparing themselves among themselves, are not wise. [13] But we will not boast of things without our measure, but according to the measure of the rule which God hath distributed to us, a measure to reach even unto you.*”
  - Meekness allows one to inherit the riches on earth, that God wants them to enjoy because they are focused on what God wants for their lives. **III: Moses Num. 12:3** “*(Now the man Moses was very meek, above all the men which were upon the face of the earth.)*”
    - Meekness recognizes that anything God gives me is far more than I deserve. Meekness keeps an individual in remembrance of who they really are. **Ps. 22:26** “*The meek shall eat and be satisfied: they shall praise the Lord that seek him....*”
- A. Meekness keeps one focused on God which in turn, allows one to stay focused on who they are.
  - i. **ILL:** It was not until Isaiah stopped looking at the current political structure and those around him; that he saw his life the way that God saw it. **Isaiah 6:5** “*Then said I, Woe is me! for I am undone; because I am a man of unclean lips, and I dwell in the midst of a people of unclean lips: for mine eyes have seen the King, the LORD of hosts.*”
  - ii. Those who live their life without meekness are usually proud and vain people. **Ps. 147:6** “*The LORD lifteth up the meek: he casteth the wicked down to the ground.*”

- B. Because meekness keeps one focused on God, it will allow them to see others the way God sees them.
- i. Meekness will allow me to see my responsibility to helping the fallen. **Gal. 6:1** *“Brethren, if a man be overtaken in a fault, ye which are spiritual, restore such an one in the spirit of meekness; considering thyself, lest thou also be tempted.”*
  - ii. Meekness will allow me to properly instruct those who are not obeying as they should.  
**II Tim. 2:24-25** *“And the servant of the Lord must not strive; but be gentle unto all men, apt to teach, patient, [25] In meekness instructing those that oppose themselves; if God peradventure will give them repentance to the acknowledging of the truth;”*
    - Meekness will eliminate pride and irrational behavior towards others who are making the same mistakes we have or could make.
- C. Because meekness keeps one focused on God, it will eliminate living life on an emotional roller coaster.
- i. Those living meekly will find satisfaction and their needs being met. **Ps. 22:26** *“The meek shall eat and be satisfied: they shall praise the LORD that seek him: your heart shall live for ever.”*
    - Meekness provides God an avenue for blessing.
  - ii. Those who live meekly will find guidance in life and learn to be blessed by God. **Ps. 25:9** *“The meek will he guide in judgment: and the meek will he teach his way.”*
    - Meekness promotes humility which promotes learning.

## II. **Blessed are they which do hunger and thirst after righteousness: for they shall be filled.** (vs. 6)

- Do not desire for yourself the good things in life; desire for God to give you the best things in life.
    - Those who live life yielded to God, will find themselves yielding God’s results. **Ps. 37:25** *“I have been young, and now am old; yet have I not seen the righteous forsaken, nor his seed begging bread.”*
  - Desire alone does not get you what you are seeking after; but it does motivate you to do what is necessary to satisfy your appetite.
- A. We should have a desire to get to know God.
- i. **Ps. 42:1-2** *“As the hart panteth after the water brooks, so panteth my soul after thee, O God. [2] My soul thirsteth for God, for the living God: when shall I come and appear before God”*
  - ii. **Ps. 63:1-2** *“O God, thou art my God; early will I seek thee: my soul thirsteth for thee, my flesh longeth for thee in a dry and thirsty land, where no water is; [2] To see thy power and thy glory, so as I have seen thee in the sanctuary.”*
  - iii. **Ps. 84:1-2** *“How amiable are thy tabernacles, O LORD of hosts! [2] My soul longeth, yea, even fainteth for the courts of the LORD: my heart and my flesh crieth out for the living God.”*
- B. Do you have a desire to have wisdom? **James 1:5** *“If any of you lack wisdom, let him ask of God, that giveth to all men liberally, and upbraideth not; and it shall be given him.”*
- i. It is one thing to desire wisdom, it is another to seek it. **Prov. 18:1** *“Through desire a man, having separated himself, seeketh and intermeddleth with all wisdom.”*
  - ii. The only way to obtain wisdom is by having a personal relationship with God. **Job 28:20 & 23** *“Whence then cometh wisdom? and where is the place of understanding? [23] God understandeth the way thereof, and he knoweth the place thereof.”*

C. Do you hunger for the things of God? **Ps. 37:4** “*Delight thyself also in the LORD; and he shall give thee the desires of thine heart.*”

- i. Do not develop an appetite for Worldliness. **Stay full on the good things of God so you don't seek the bitter things of the world. Prov. 27:7** “*The full soul loatheth an honeycomb; but to the hungry soul every bitter thing is sweet.*”
- ii. Protect your appetite for Godliness. Do not play around with sin thinking what spirituality you already have will protect you. **Prov. 6:27-28** “*Can a man take fire in his bosom, and his clothes not be burned? [28] Can one go upon hot coals, and his feet not be burned?*”

**Close:**

- Live your life meekly, stay focused on God so you can have the right perspective on life.
- Don't live proudly thinking you know what's best for your life. Humble yourself so God can allow you to inherit what he has for you.
- Live your life hungry, desiring to be filled with what God has available for you. Protect yourself from developing an appetite for the things of this world.

**James 4:6**

*“But he giveth more grace. Wherefore he saith, God resisteth the proud, but giveth grace unto the humble.”*

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***“Review Questions”***

1. What does the word *Blessed* mean? **Happy, Happy.**
2. What does the word *Meekness* mean? **One who lives their life in comparison to God.**
3. Staying focused on God, eliminates living life on an emotional????? **Roller Coaster.**
4. Those who live life yielded to God, will find themselves yielding ????? results. **God's**
5. Stay full on the good things of God so you don't seek the ????? things of the world. **Bitter**