

BE-ATTITUDES (THE SERMON ON THE MOUNTAIN)

INTRODUCTION

Life on Earth as a Christian should be viewed as a transition where we get to prepare ourselves for eternity and at the same time enjoying the blessings God has in store for us presently on Earth. (1 John 2:17)

Earth is a temporary place but those of us who have received Jesus as Lord and savior are made to last forever.

Our lifestyle should be about having a good relationship with God and our fellow human beings. How life is lived can determine particular blessings we can receive. This points us to the Be-attitudes, the sermon of Jesus Christ on the mountain.

The word "Beatitude" was derived from the Latin word "Beatitude" which means Supreme Blessedness or simply the blessings received just by doing something specific or when we find ourselves in a certain condition. These blessings are also promises which can be received in this current age or after the end of the age in God's kingdom. Eg. Luke 6:36, 38

FOCAL PASSAGE: Matthew 5:3-12

POOR IN SPIRIT:

- Spiritual condition of poverty, recognition of the need for God.
- Acknowledging God as supreme and King
- Admitting strength and weaknesses
- Not estimating yourself higher or better than others
- Not being too concerned about what you have or you don't have. (Luke 9:24,25)
- Total dependency on God.
- The

MOURN:

- Admit their faults, feel sorry when they sin. (Difference b/n remorse and repentance) Ps 34:18, Ps 51. (David is an example)
- Show concern when they see suffering/ Have sympathy for others
- They receive freedom found in the forgiveness of sins and enjoy the joy of eternal salvation.
- 1 John 1:9, Isaiah 57:15, 66:12
- The Pharisee and the tax collector.

MEEK:

- **Submit** to God's authority, will making Jesus Lord of his life
- Spirit-controlled person(not of flesh)
- Humility leads to elevated
- Jesus our ultimate example, elevated by God and given a name higher than any name.
- **They inherit the Earth , Meekness doesn't mean weakness (egs)**
- **Rev 21:7, Ps 22:26, 25:9**

Pride, Ps 37:11

HUNGER AND THIRST AFTER RIGHTEOUSNESS:

- Deep need and passion for God.
- “Righteousness” also refers to Jesus who alone can satisfy our soul.
- Ps 42:1 (King David), Deut 4:29
- Gift of the Holy Spirit. Matt 7:7,9

MERCIFUL:

- You reap what you sow.(Matt 6:14) Luke 6:35-38
- Do unto others as you want them to do unto you

PURE IN HEART:

Who shall ascend into the hill of the Lord or who shall stand in His holy place? He that has clean hands and a pure heart.....(Ps 24:3-7)

- Inward holiness, good thoughts
- What you do when alone.
- Heb 12:14, 1Sam 16:17

PEACEMAKERS:

- Jesus, the Prince of peace and we His ambassadors/representatives
- 2 Cor 5:19-20
- Living in peace with others and preserving good relationships

PERSECUTION:

- Matt 10:38
- John 15:18-20,