



Sermon on the Mount
Chapter 1: The Beatitudes
Matthew 5:1–12

1. The Context

- a. John the Baptist prepares the way.
- b. Jesus' Baptism
- c. The Temptation
- d. Jesus begins to Preach: "The Kingdom of God is near!"
- e. Calling Disciples
- f. Healing the sick; casting out demons; crowds

2. The Radical Values of the Kingdom of God

- a. *"Blessed are the poor in spirit, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven."*
- b. *"Blessed are those who mourn, for they will be comforted"*
- c. *Blessed are the meek, for they will inherit the earth."*
- d. *"Blessed are those who hunger and thirst for righteousness, for they will be filled."*
- e. *"Blessed are the merciful, for they will be shown mercy."*
- f. *"Blessed are the pure in heart, for they will see God."*
- g. *"Blessed are the peacemakers, for they will be called children of God."*
- h. *"Blessed are those who are persecuted because of righteousness, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven."*





Study/Discussion Questions

1. What is the importance of the Sermon on the Mount in the context of Jesus' ministry?
2. What is a "Beatitude"?
3. Why are the "poor in spirit" blessed? Why are "those who mourn" blessed?
4. What does it mean to "hunger and thirst for righteousness"?
5. In what ways does being a "peacemaker" reflect the heart of God?
6. Why are the "those who are persecuted" blessed?
7. What are some ways these beatitudes differ from the world's value system?

