

# *Blessed Are Those*

## The Sermon on the Mount Series – Part 2

Scripture text: Matthew 5:3-12

### Introduction

- (Review) The “big idea” of the Sermon-on-the-Mount is that Jesus expects his follows to live \_\_\_\_\_ - \_\_\_\_\_.
- This begins not with \_\_\_\_\_ things, but rather with our \_\_\_\_\_ character.
- “Beatitude” is Latin for \_\_\_\_\_.
- The qualities Jesus prescribes will result in our \_\_\_\_\_.
- Dr. Alexander Bruce: “*Truly, we are near \_\_\_\_\_ here.*”

### General Truths

1. All Christians are expected to manifest \_\_\_\_\_ the Beatitudes \_\_\_\_\_ the time.
  - Each beatitude necessarily \_\_\_\_\_ the others; they are a complete whole.
2. The Beatitudes represent the \_\_\_\_\_ between Christians and \_\_\_\_\_.
  - Christians have these qualities or they’re \_\_\_\_\_ Christians.
  - What we have in the Beatitudes is Jesus’ pronouncement of who’s \_\_\_\_\_ & who’s \_\_\_\_\_. His original audience was jolted by this. *Who does he think he is?* It should be no less jolting today.
  - Martyn Lloyd Jones: “*If you don’t \_\_\_\_\_ these qualities, you’re not born again.*”
3. The Beatitudes are an \_\_\_\_\_ of the qualities that are sought after & celebrated by \_\_\_\_\_.
  - Jesus takes the values of the world and turns them \_\_\_\_\_.

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4. The promises contained in the Beatitudes are both \_\_\_\_\_ & \_\_\_\_\_.
- Only the 1<sup>st</sup> & 8<sup>th</sup> have a \_\_\_\_\_ tense; the rest are all \_\_\_\_\_ tense.
  - As God's people, we live \_\_\_\_\_ the present, but \_\_\_\_\_ the future.
  - And yet, Beatitude's 2-7 are not \_\_\_\_\_ future; we experience in the present what theologians call "the \_\_\_\_\_."
5. The qualities described in the Beatitudes aren't \_\_\_\_\_ through \_\_\_\_\_, but rather are \_\_\_\_\_ as \_\_\_\_\_ of \_\_\_\_\_ through the operation of the Holy Spirit.
- Don't leave thinking *I'm going to work \_\_\_\_\_ to be more (fill in the blank).*
  - Instead, leave this place thinking *I'm happy & blessed because God, in his amazing \_\_\_\_\_, is \_\_\_\_\_ me from the inside out to possess the \_\_\_\_\_ of his kingdom.*

Next week: Moving from the general to the particular.

### Family Questions

1. Do we find the Beatitudes attractive or off-putting? What would non-believers think?
2. Which promise in the Beatitudes is most exciting?

### Small Group Questions

For an expanded list of questions, email Pastor Dan at [dhawn@fbcharlan.org](mailto:dhawn@fbcharlan.org).

### Who's Who in Church History

- T. David Gordon (1954-): American evangelical scholar and author of *Why Johnny Can't Preach*.
- Alexander Bruce (1831-1899): Scottish theologian & apologist.
- Dr. Martyn Lloyd-Jones (1899-1981): Highly-regarded medical doctor who left medicine to preach. Was famous for preaching through books of the Bible verse-by-verse.
- Joel Osteen (1963-): Leading proponent of the heretical Prosperity and Word-of-Faith theologies who nevertheless is considered "America's Pastor."
- Martin Luther (1483-1546): German monk who started the Protestant Reformation. A fierce defender of salvation by grace alone, through faith alone, in Christ alone.