

Sunday, February 1st, 2026
Sermon Series: “Matthew’s Messiah.”
“The *Upside-down Kingdom*” Matthew 5.1-12
(Epiphany)

Blessings and the Kingdom of Heaven(s) (“God”)

The “Kingdom Manifesto” ... The *Sermon on the Mount*

Matthew 5.1-2 Seeing the crowds, he went up on the mountain, and when he sat down, his disciples came to him. ²And he opened his mouth and taught them, saying:...

The Foundation of Kingdom Blessings...

God’s _____.

Matthew 5.3, 10 “Blessed are the poor in spirit, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven.... ¹⁰“Blessed are those who are persecuted for righteousness’ sake, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven.

μακάριος (*makarios*): (To be) “Fortunate” (“Happy/Blessed”) Latin: *beātūdō*.

πτωχός (*ptōchos*): Lit., “Of little value” “Empty” πνεῦμα (*pneuma*): “Inner being” (Mind, Will)

God’s _____.

Matthew 5.4-9, 11-12“Blessed are those who mourn, for they shall be comforted. ⁵“Blessed are the meek, for they shall inherit the earth. ⁶“Blessed are those who hunger and thirst for righteousness, for they shall be satisfied. 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... ¹¹“Blessed are you when others revile you and persecute you and utter all kinds of evil against you falsely on my account. ¹²Rejoice and be glad, for your reward is great in heaven, for so they persecuted the prophets who were before you.

παρακαλέω (*parakaleō*): “To call together” (Encourage)

Micah 6.1-8 He has told you, O man, what is good; and what does the LORD require of you but to do justice, and to love kindness, and to walk humbly with your God?

(Answers: Favor, Promises.)



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