

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: *beatitudo*.

πτωχός (*ptochos*): 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. ¹² Rejoice and be glad, for your reward is great in heaven, for so they persecuted the prophets who were before you.

παράκαλέω (*parakaleo*): “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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