



BEATITUDES AND THE KINGDOM OF GOD

MATTHEW 5:1-12 | November 22, 2020

Meta-narrative is an overarching account or interpretation of events and circumstances that provides a pattern or structure for people's beliefs and gives meaning to their experiences. (Oxford Dictionary)

THE CHARACTER OF THE KINGDOM

1. Blessed are the spiritually _____, for they belong in God's Kingdom. (vs. 3)
2. Blessed are those who are _____ over the impact of sin, for they will be comforted. (vs. 4)
3. Blessed are those who give _____ to God, for they get to own this planet. (vs. 5)
4. Blessed are those who desperately _____ for all to be right, for they will be fully satisfied. (vs. 6)
5. Blessed are those who put _____ into action, for they experience it in their lives. (vs. 7)
6. Blessed are those whose _____ is clean and whole, for they get to see God. (vs. 8)
7. Blessed are those who bring _____ people together, for they are in the family business of reconciliation. (vs. 9)
8. Blessed are those who get PERSECUTED for living like this, for they belong to God's Kingdom. (vs. 10-11)

LIVING IN THE KINGDOM OF GOD

- This is **counter-intuitive** to everything the world believes because it is the invasion of a different kingdom.
- This is what **real happiness** and blessing actually looks like.
- People who **by faith** live like this, stand out in a world that desperately needs it.

Matthew 5:13-16 (NIV)

¹³ "You are the salt of the earth. But if the salt loses its saltiness, how can it be made salty again? It is no longer good for anything, except to be thrown out and trampled by men. ¹⁴ "You are the light of the world. A city on a hill cannot be hidden. ¹⁵ Neither do people light a lamp and put it under a bowl. Instead they put it on its stand, and it gives light to everyone in the house. ¹⁶ In the same way, let your light shine before men, that they may see your good deeds and praise your Father in heaven.



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