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MATTHEW

Chapter 05:01-12
THE “BE-ATTITUDES”

I. INTRODUCTION

- A. We begin an AWESOME section this morning in our study of **Matthew** known as The Sermon on the Mount!
1. It spans over **Chapters 5** through **7** and begins with a section known as “**The Beatitudes.**”
 - a) You will find sections of The Sermon on the Mount in other gospels because no doubt Jesus taught it many times in many places.
 - b) However, Matthew records the greater amount of information than any of the other gospels.
 - (1) I think I should also point out that even Matthew most likely did not record all of it: **Joh 21:25** **And there are also many other things which Jesus did, which if they *were written in detail, I suppose that even the world itself *would not contain the books that *would be written.**
 - (2) We do however have all that we need, or the Lord would have seen fit to include it!
 2. As wonderful as The Sermon on the Mount is – it is not the gospel – it is only part of the gospel.
 - a) In fact, there really is no message of repentance and salvation because it was given to the disciples – not particularly to the unsaved!
 - (1) It is in essence – the Law at its highest level of fulfillment!
 - b) There is no mention of the Holy Spirit, and yet without the Holy Spirit – this high standard for God’s children – is impossible!
 - (1) So – we need to not “extract” the Sermon on the Mount **from** the God’s word but consider it a beautiful part **OF** God’s word.
- B. We begin with the Beatitudes – often described as the “be-attitudes” not the “do-attitudes.”
1. Described so – because they are what we are becoming and what we will be – not necessarily what we are to “do”.

II. MAT 5:1-2 WHEN JESUS SAW THE CROWDS, HE WENT UP ON THE MOUNTAIN; AND AFTER HE SAT DOWN, HIS DISCIPLES CAME TO HIM. (2) HE OPENED HIS MOUTH AND *BEGAN* TO TEACH THEM, SAYING,

- A. I think you can see why it is called The Sermon on the Mount from verse one.
1. I have personally sat on this mountain and it is beautiful. It also provides a natural “amphitheater” setting for him to be heard.
 2. Please notice also that he is teaching “His disciples.”

III. **MAT 5:3 "BLESSED ARE THE POOR IN SPIRIT, FOR THEIRS IS THE KINGDOM OF HEAVEN.**

- A. Notice again it is a “be-attitude” it doesn’t tell you how to become poor in spirit, only the blessings that come when you are!
1. You are going to see that phrase “blessed are” 9 times in these first 12 verses.
 2. You may also remember seeing it at the opening of Psalm 1!
 - a) In other words, “This is the spout where the glory comes out!” This is the blessed life!
- B. The ultimate poverty in spirit is to know that we are eternally separated from the Lord without Jesus!
1. Therefore, the Kingdom of Heaven is for those who have realized they need a Savior and accepted this wonderful gift from the Lord!

IV. **MAT 5:4 "BLESSED ARE THOSE WHO MOURN, FOR THEY SHALL BE COMFORTED.**

- A. This is not just plain old “mourning.”
1. Everyone mourns, but we are instructed in **1Th 4:9-14** **Now as to the love of the brethren, you have no need for *anyone* to write to you, for you yourselves are taught by God to love one another; (10) for indeed you do practice it toward all the brethren who are in all Macedonia. But we urge you, brethren, to excel still more, (11) and to make it your ambition to lead a quiet life and attend to your own business and work with your hands, just as we commanded you, (12) so that you will behave properly toward outsiders and not be in any need. (13) But we do not want you to be uninformed, brethren, about those who are asleep (dead), so that you will not grieve as do the rest who have no hope. (14) For if we believe that Jesus died and rose again, even so God will bring with Him those who have fallen asleep in Jesus.**
 - a) Christian’s suffer loss as others do, but we shall ultimately be comforted because all that has been promised - will one day come true.
 - (1) We will see our loved ones and righteousness will prevail! WE SHALL BE COMFORTED!
 - (a) So, our hurts have purpose.

V. **MAT 5:5 "BLESSED ARE THE GENTLE, FOR THEY SHALL INHERIT THE EARTH.**

- A. You will find this same phrase on **Psalm 37:11**, but we certainly know that this is not in effect today.
1. The “gentle” have not inherited the earth – but one day soon they will!
 - a) By the way – this kind of gentleness only comes from the Lord. It is a fruit of the spirit.
 - b) **Gal 5:22-23** **But the fruit of the Spirit is love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, (23) gentleness, self-control;**

against such things there is no law.

- (1) How do we become meek? First, we have to be humbled!
- (2) Gentleness is not weakness – it is power under control. We saw it at its best at the cross.
 - (a) You see we cannot even know the Lord until we are willing to lay down our pride and accept Him as Lord and Savior. As a result of that conversion – we shall inherit the earth!

VI. MAT 5:6 "BLESSED ARE THOSE WHO HUNGER AND THIRST FOR RIGHTEOUSNESS, FOR THEY SHALL BE SATISFIED.

- A. The world hungers and thirst for many things, but righteousness is not one of them.
 - 1. **1Co 2:14** But a natural man does not accept the things of the Spirit of God, for they are foolishness to him; and he cannot understand them, because they are spiritually appraised.
 - 2. But the child of God knows that there is no righteous apart from the Lord!
 - a) Therefore, to hunger and thirst after righteousness is to hunger and thirst after the Lord!
 - (1) That is a hunger that He delights in satisfying.

VII. MAT 5:7 "BLESSED ARE THE MERCIFUL, FOR THEY SHALL RECEIVE MERCY.

- A. How does the Christian obtain mercy?
 - 1. **Titus 3:3-7** For we also once were foolish ourselves, disobedient, deceived, enslaved to various lusts and pleasures, spending our life in malice and envy, hateful, hating one another. (4) But when the kindness of God our Savior and His love for mankind appeared, (5) He saved us, not on the basis of deeds which we have done in righteousness, but according to His mercy, by the washing of regeneration and renewing by the Holy Spirit, (6) whom He poured out upon us richly through Jesus Christ our Savior, (7) so that being justified by His grace we would be made heirs according to *the* hope of eternal life.
 - a) We obtained mercy through Jesus!
 - (1) We didn't deserve it, but He gave it.
 - b) We are to show mercy through Jesus!
 - (1) People might not deserve it, but we should give it.
 - (a) Our getting it was a gift and so should be our giving of it.

VIII. MAT 5:8 "BLESSED ARE THE PURE IN HEART, FOR THEY SHALL SEE GOD.

- A. **Rom 3:10-12** as it is written, "THERE IS NONE RIGHTEOUS, NOT EVEN ONE; (11) THERE IS NONE WHO UNDERSTANDS, THERE IS NONE WHO SEEKS FOR GOD; (12) ALL HAVE TURNED ASIDE, TOGETHER THEY HAVE BECOME USELESS; THERE IS NONE WHO DOES GOOD, THERE IS NOT EVEN ONE." **Rom 3:23** for all have sinned and fall short of the glory of God,
 - 1. Again a testimony of the cleansing power of Jesus' blood!
 - a) We are made pure through Him and Him alone! And as a result – **WE**

SHALL SEE GOD!

(1) Man, what an incredible concept – to see the Lord Himself!

IX. **MAT 5:9 "BLESSED ARE THE PEACEMAKERS, FOR THEY SHALL BE CALLED SONS OF GOD.**

- A. There is only one true Peacemaker and that is Jesus!
1. It is the Lord that reconciled us to Him by His tremendous plan of salvation.
 2. We then make peace with Him by accepting that plan!
 - a) Christians are called “sons of God” because we have made peace with our Father!

X. **MAT 5:10 "BLESSED ARE THOSE WHO HAVE BEEN PERSECUTED FOR THE SAKE OF RIGHTEOUSNESS, FOR THEIRS IS THE KINGDOM OF HEAVEN.**

- A. Many scriptures indicate that there will still be evil present on the earth during the Millennium.
1. **Rev 20:7-9** When the thousand years are completed, Satan will be released from his prison, (8) and will come out to deceive the nations which are in the four corners of the earth, Gog and Magog, to gather them together for the war; the number of them is like the sand of the seashore. (9) And they came up on the broad plain of the earth and surrounded the camp of the saints and the beloved city, and fire came down from heaven and devoured them.
 2. Worshippers of the Lord will still be made fun of and treated poorly for their faith in the Lord – but the kingdom of heaven is still ours!

XI. CONCLUSION

- A. **Mat 5:11-12** "Blessed are you when *people* insult you and persecute you, and falsely say all kinds of evil against you because of Me. (12) "Rejoice and be glad, for your reward in heaven is great; for in the same way they persecuted the prophets who were before you.
1. Remember the newly called and appointed disciples were hearing this and there was some rough road ahead of them.
 - a) Jesus wanted them to know that what laid in wait for them was worth it all!