

Part 2 – May 2, 2010

Kingdom Blessing

Matthew 5:1-16

Intro

- Who is speaking to us?
- Why is this important?

The three parts of a proposition:

1. Guarantor
2. Incentive
3. Reason

- “Beatitude” = “blessed; happy; fortunate”

Happy are...

- The poor in spirit
- Those who mourn
- The meek

- Those who hunger and thirst for righteousness
- The merciful
- The pure in heart
- The peacemakers
- Those who are persecuted for righteousness' sake
- Those who are reviled and persecuted, of whom all kinds of evil is said against and are falsely accused for My sake

Happy is a description of who God is in Himself. He is perfect.

Incentive

- Theirs is the kingdom of heaven (from God)
- They shall be comforted (by God Himself)
- They shall inherit the earth (from God)
- They shall be filled (satisfied by God)
- They shall obtain mercy (from God)
- They shall see God (reward enough in and of itself)
- They shall be called sons of God (by God)
- Theirs is the kingdom of heaven (from God)

- Great is your reward in heaven (that God gives)

The crown of jewels of salvation is offered as incentive. God restricts no blessing from the faithful.

“It is only when we live in light of the future, says Jesus, that we can make the right choices now” –**Sinclair Ferguson**, *The Sermon on the Mount: Kingdom Life in a Fallen World*, 164

This sermon is about Kingdom Life.

Uncomplicated examples

Matthew 5:13-16

- Salt & light
- So that God is correctly represented and glorified on earth.
- The good news is that this is impossible for us.
- Ambassadors of the Kingdom.

Ephesians 4:17-24; 5:1-13

- Two different responses.
- Purpose: the glory of God

“Man’s purpose is to glorify God and enjoy Him forever”
–Westminster Catechism

The example of Christ

Luke 23:32-47

- Gethsemane & the Cross
- The leaders & the soldiers
- The thief & the centurion

Read for next week: Matthew 5:17-48