

The Beatitudes

Matthew 5:1-12

Intro: 5:1-2

Note – the reward for poor in spirit is the same reward as suffering for righteousness sake

I. The Souls seeking the Kingdom 5:3-6

A. The First Pair

1. Poor in Spirit
Theirs is the kingdom of heaven
2. Those who Mourn
They shall be comforted

B. The Second Pair

1. The Meek
They shall inherit the earth
2. Those who Hunger and Thirst for Righteousness
They shall be filled

II. The Souls who are in the Kingdom 5:7-12

A. The First Pair

1. The Merciful
They shall obtain mercy
2. The Pure in Heart
They shall see God

B. The Second Pair

1. The Peacemakers
They shall be called the sons of God
2. The Persecuted for Righteousness Sake
Theirs is the Kingdom of heaven

The Beatitudes and the Sermon on the Mount will show us

1. The necessity of striving for holiness – Titus 2:14
2. My need of Christ, the new birth and the power of the Holy Spirit
3. Every main aspect of this sermon can be found in the epistles

Poor in Spirit – *Theirs is the kingdom of heaven*

A soul that sees himself as he really is before a Holy God.

Those who Mourn -- *They shall be comforted*

The law strikes the heart and brings conviction.

The gospel comes and brings healing comfort.

Isaiah 61:1-3

The Meek -- *They shall inherit the earth*

Christ was meek and lowly.

Moses is described as the meekest man on the earth.

Psalms 37:9-11

Those who Hunger and Thirst for Righteousness -- *They shall be filled*

Make use of The Means of Grace to keep us on the path of holiness.

The Merciful -- *They shall obtain mercy*

The Good Samaritan is a classic example.

Psalms 18:25-27

The Pure in Heart -- *They shall see God*

Matthew 15:8-9, 17-20

The Peacemakers -- *They shall be called the sons of God*

Isaiah 52:7

The Persecuted for Righteousness Sake -- *Theirs is the Kingdom of heaven*

The example of Christ

The example of the martyr Stephen

The example of millions and millions of Christians who have suffered and even died