

WEDNESDAY NIGHT BIBLE CLASS
MATTHEW 5:1-12
OCTOBER 31, 2018

INTRODUCTION:

1. **MATTHEW 5.1:** *“And seeing the multitudes...”* (cf. Matt. 4.25)
 - a) The place: *“He went up on a mountain”* One of twelve mountains in Galilee.
 - b) The posture: *“and when He was seated.”* (cf. Luke 5.3; John 8.2)
 - c) The people: *“His disciples came to Him.”* (cf. Luke 6.17)
 - d) The purpose: *“Then He opened His mouth and taught them”* (Matt. 5.2)
2. The sermon on the mount begins with the beatitudes, literally, supreme blessedness.
 - a) A declaration: *“Blessed”* (Makarios): Literally, “happy.”
 - b) An attitude: *“poor, meek, mourn”*
 - c) A consequence: *“they shall be comforted.”*

I. BLESSED ARE THE POOR IN SPIRIT

- A. **MATTHEW 5.3:** *“Blessed are the poor in spirit”*
 1. Poor (ptochos): To be utterly destitute. (Luke 16.20,21; 2 Cor. 6.10)
 2. Not just poor, but poor in spirit. Those who are spiritually destitute.
 - a) Without God we cannot know faith. (Isa. 55.8,9; Rom. 1.16; 1 Cor. 1.20,21)
 - b) Without God we cannot know grace. (Eph. 2.8,9; Rom. 7.24,25)
 - c) Without God we cannot know hope. (Eph. 2.12,13)
 3. The truly happy are those who are humble enough to recognize they cannot save themselves but are dependent on God. (Rom. 4.1-4; James 4.10; 1 Pet. 5.5)
- B. **MATTHEW 5.3:** *“for theirs is the kingdom of God.”*
 1. The church in Laodicea. (Rev. 3.16,17)
 2. The tax collector and the sinner. (Luke 18.14)
 3. When we believe our salvation is earned, we will miss the kingdom of God.

II. BLESSED ARE THOSE WHO MOURN

- A. **MATTHEW 5.4:** *“Blessed are those who mourn”*
 1. Mourn (pentheo): It is the idea of being grief stricken over the loss of a loved one.
 2. What is the cause of our mourning? (2 Cor. 7.10; James 4.7-10)
 3. Those who are truly happy are those who have a contrite heart. (Isa. 66.2)
 - a) Some ignore sin. (1 Sam. 15.19,20)
 - b) Some deflect sin. (1 Sam. 15.21; Gen. 3.12,13)
 - c) Some justify sin. (Rom. 6.1)
 - d) Our attitude needs to be one of contrition. (2 Sam. 24.10)
- B. **MATTHEW 5.4:** *“for they shall be comforted.”* (2 Cor. 1.3,4; 2.5-8)

III. BLESSED ARE THE MEEK

- A. **MATTHEW 5.5:** *“Blessed are the meek”*
 1. Meek (praus): “gentle” (Matt. 11.29)
 2. Those who are truly happy are those with a spirit of gentleness. (Gal. 5.22,23; 6.1)
- B. **MATTHEW 5.5:** *“for they shall inherit the earth.”*
 1. Not literally, for the earth *“will be burned up”* (2 Pet. 3.10).
 2. The Jews were given a promise of land. (Gen. 12.1,7)
 3. Christians look forward to a heavenly land. (Heb. 11.13-16; 13.14; Phil. 3.20)