

WEDNESDAY NIGHT BIBLE CLASS
MATTHEW 5:6-12
NOVEMBER 7, 2018

INTRODUCTION:

1. How do you define attitude?
 - a) The dictionary definition: “A settled way of thinking or feeling about someone or something, typically one that is reflected in one’s behavior.”
 - b) Some need to change their attitude. (repent)
 - c) Our attitude is to be aligned with that of Christ. (Phil. 2.5)
2. The beatitudes are about the benefits of developing proper attitudes.
 - a) **MATTHEW 5.3:** “*Blessed are the poor in spirit.*” Attitude toward your spirituality.
 - b) **MATTHEW 5.4:** “*Blessed are those who mourn.*” Attitude toward sin.
 - c) **MATTHEW 5.5:** “*Blessed are the meek.*” Attitude toward others.
3. James 3 tells us how to develop proper attitudes. (James 3.13-18)
 - a) The key word in these verses is wisdom. (cf. 1 Cor. 1.20-25; 2.6,7,13)
 - b) There is an attitude that comes from the wisdom of God.

I. AN ATTITUDE TOWARD SCRIPTURE

- A. **MATTHEW 5.6:** “*Blessed are those who hunger and thirst for righteousness*”
 1. Those who constantly crave sustenance. (Luke 15.17; 1 Cor. 4.11; 2 Cor. 11.27)
 2. Righteousness: The state of being right with God.
 - a) We are right with God through Jesus. (2 Cor. 5.21; Rom. 5.17,19)
 - b) We are right with God through faith. (Rom. 3.21-26)
 - c) We are right with God through obedience. (Rom. 6.16,17)
 3. Righteousness is revealed to us through scripture. (Rom. 1.16,17; 3.21)
 4. Blessed are those who have an insatiable desire for being right with God which comes through the word which reveals Jesus. (Matt. 4.4; Ps. 1.1,2; 1 Pet. 2.2,3; Acts 17.11)
- B. **MATTHEW 5.6:** “*For they shall be filled.*”
 1. Filled: The idea is to have food in abundance, to gorge.
 2. The word of God will satisfy our desire for to be right with God. (John 6.63)
 - a) Jesus fed the five thousand. (John 6.11-13) Notice the word “filled.”
 - b) The next day the multitudes were looking for Jesus. Why? (John 6.26,27)
 - c) Jesus encourages us to seek after bread that comes from God. (John 6.32-35,47-58)
 - d) Analogously, the consuming Christ was to receive His teachings. (John 6.63)

II. AN ATTITUDE TOWARD THOSE WHO HURT

- A. **MATTHEW 5.7:** “*Blessed are the merciful*”
 1. Who are the merciful? Those who feel for those who hurt, and act accordingly.
 - a) The good Samaritan. (Luke 10.25-37; esp. 27,29,37)
 - b) The unmerciful servant. (Matt. 18.21-35; v. 26 – “patience”; v. 27 – “compassion”; v. 33 – “pity” (KJV, NKJV), “mercy” (ESV, RSV)
 2. We are to “*be merciful, just as your Father also is merciful*” (Luke 6.36)
- B. **MATTHEW 5.7:** “*For they shall obtain mercy.*” (cf. James 2.13)