

Believers Are Blessed

Scripture: Mt. 5:1-12; Jn. 20:28-29

Intro: The word “Blessed” is defined as enjoying spiritual happiness and the favor of God. Prosperous occurs nine times here but in reference to eight qualities. Beattitudes as they are called deal with attitudes. “Blessed” can be a...

1. Statement (Ruth 2:12; 3:12)
2. State (Num. 6:24-26)
3. Status (Ps. 1:1-3)

Note: The Beattitudes give us a progressive Christian experience from conviction to conversion and consecration to continuance.

I. Blessed Are the Minus (Mt. 5:3) MENDICANT

- A. The poor in spirit: not the Holy Spirit
 1. Poverty of spirit: spiritual condition (Ps. 57:17) wrought by Holy Spirit
 - a. Natural: devoid of God (I Cor. 2:14)
 - b. Spiritual emptiness (Ro. 7:18) Spiritually empty
Note: emptiness is most seriously felt when you come to die. Nothing but Christ and His grace is important.
 2. Personality of Spirit: sinful condition. (Eccl. 7:20)
 - a. Physical appearance not meant: Spiritual (II Cor. 8:9)
 - b. Conviction of sin awakens to such poverty. (bankrupt)
- B. The place of Saviour: the Kingdom of Heaven
 1. Internal condition: “Blessed”
 2. Eternal country: “Bliss”

II. Blessed Are the Mourners (Mt. 5:4; II Cor. 7:10)

- A. Mourning over poverty of Spirit: concern. (Spiritual mourning)
 1. Repentant condition reviewed. (II Cor. 7:10; Ro. 2:4) Sorry for sin.
 - a. Burden of sin. (Ro. 7:24)
 - b. Badness of sin. (Ro. 7:18)
 2. Renewed condition in view. (Ro. 5:8)
- B. Mended from poverty of Spirit. Comforted.
 1. Receives peace with God. (Ro. 5:1).
 2. Receives prospect of grace.
 - a. Blessed hope. (Tit. 2:13; I Jn. 3:2-3; Ro. 8:23)
 - b. Blessed here. (Eph. 1:3-4; Jn. 14:16-18)

III. Blessed Are the Meek (Mt. 5:5; 11:28-30; Num. 12:3)

- A. Meek: defined as humble, patient, submissive, subdued, modest. (Col. 3:12)
 - 1. Character of saved person. (Jas. 1:21) accepts whatever God sends.
 - 2. Characteristics of such a person. (Eph. 4:2; Gal. 5:22-26)
 - a. Godward: submission to God's directions with complicity. (Gal. 6:1)
 - b. Manward: suffers provocation without being inflamed by them.
- B. Meek inherit the earth. (Ps. 37:11)
 - 1. This is a millennial promise: Reward. (II Tim. 2:11-12)
 - 2. This is a masterly (majestic) position: Regard.

Illustration: In 1847, Sir James Simpson, medical doctor discovered chloroform which could be used in surgery by rendering insensible to pain. Some years later lecturing at University of Edenburg, he was asked by one of his students what his most valuable discovery was. Surprised them by saying his most valuable discovery was when he realized he was a sinner and that Jesus Christ was my Saviour.