

Matthew: The Life & Teaching of Jesus the Messiah

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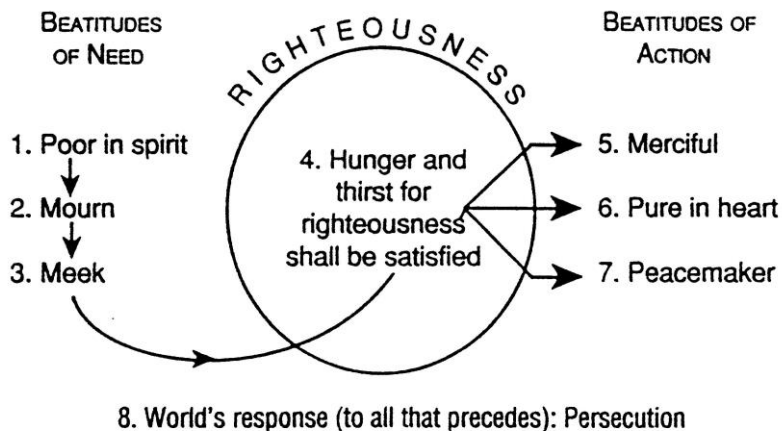
Key Idea: *The virtues of the Beatitudes are those which the world despises; but because the people of God have not the mind of the world, they rightly are grieved by both their own sin and the brokenness of the world around them.*

**Lesson 13;
Matt. 5:4
The Beatitudes: Those Who Mourn
(11-16-25)**

I. The Progression of Thought in the Beatitudes

The Beatitudes are intimately related to one another and give a progression of thought. The first three beatitudes describe a disciple's confession of spiritual needs, whereas the fourth shows the resultant hunger of that need. The latter four beatitudes then set forth a disciple's active response to the promise that his hunger and thirst for righteousness will be satisfied, whereas the last beatitude describes the unsaved world's response to him. We might diagram this relationship as follows:

RELATIONSHIP BETWEEN THE BEATITUDES



II. Why Mourn? Be Happy!

A. Who mourns in America today? _____

B. What sort of mourning does Jesus have in mind? S_____ m_____ (v.3,4)

C. Consider the context of the 1st Beatitude: Blessed are the p_____ in s_____.

1. What sort of p_____ does Jesus have in mind?

2. Is this something n_____? Does Jesus teach a new religion of the h_____
different from the Old Testament? (Ps.51;125:5,6; Is.66:10)

IV. What Is Spiritual Mourning?

A. Unspiritual mourning: There are many c_____ and mourning which is itself just more s_____ (II Cor. 7:10). Here's some examples:

1. Ammon (II Sam. 13:2) & Ahab (I Kings 21:4): _____
2. Pharaoh (Ex. 14:5): _____
3. Judas (Mt. 27:3): _____
4. Hypocrites (Mt. 6:16): _____
5. Cain (Gen. 4:13): _____

B. Spiritual mourning:

1. We know there is g_____ grieving because G_____ himself g_____.
 - a. How so? _____ (Is. 63:10; Eph. 4:30)

Applications:

- (1) How calloused are you? _____
- (2) Against Gnosticism & Stoicism: _____
- (3) Against sentimentalism: _____

2. What are the characteristics of godly sorrow?

- a. One mourns over s_____ itself, not merely its c_____ (Luke 15:18,21)
- b. It is over p_____ s_____ (I John 1:9; Ps 51:4)
- c. Mourning can come even after f_____. There is a godly l_____ of our past sins (Ez. 20:41-44)
- d. Sorrow over sin is not a o_____ t_____ affair (I John 1:6f.; cf. James 4:9)
 - (1) Our tendency is to think of sin as a l_____ t_____.

3. Summary: Why do we mourn?

- a. Because of our own p_____ s_____.
- b. Because of the p_____ of s_____ in the world (Mt. 23:37)
- c. Because of the s_____ of the c_____ (Ez. 9:4; Is 6:5)
- c. Because we know the terrible cost of our r_____ (Zech 12:10)

V. What Comfort Do the Lord's People Receive?

A. Mourning leads to s_____ (James 4:8-10; II Cor. 7:10,11)

B. Mourning leads to a_____ of salvation (I John 2:1; Gal. 4:6)

C. Mourning leads to h_____ for the f_____ (Rom. 8:18)

Application: Hope and the future (or How does your eschatology affect you today?)
