

# Matthew: The Life & Teaching of Jesus the Messiah

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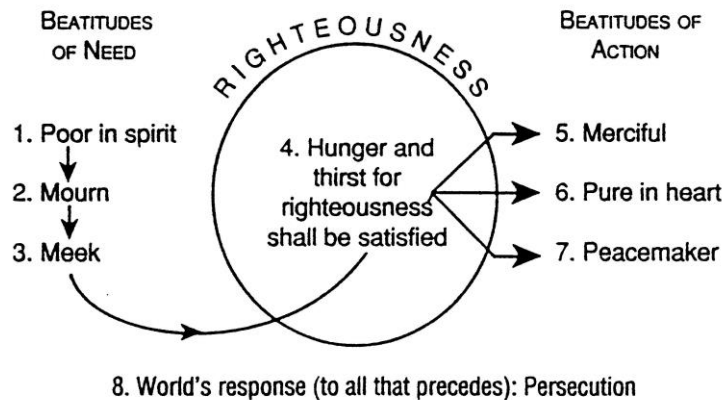
**Key Idea:** In the last Beatitude Jesus teaches that opposition is the normal mark of being a disciple, as normal as hungering and thirsting for righteousness or being merciful.

**Lesson 19**  
**Matt. 5:10-12**  
**The Beatitudes: The Persecuted**  
**(3-1-26)**

## 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



## I. HOW DOES PERSECUTION RELATE TO THE OTHER BEATITUDES?

- A. No matter how hard we may try to make p\_\_\_\_\_ with some people, they r\_\_\_\_\_ to make p\_\_\_\_\_ with us.
- B. Why is this?

## II. PERSECUTION IS THE INEVITABLE OUTWORKING OF GRACE

- A. Persecution erupts because God has
  1. Set enmity between the s\_\_\_\_\_ of the woman and the s\_\_\_\_\_ of the S\_\_\_\_\_
  2. On this account, unbelievers
    - a. Find d\_\_\_\_\_ the r\_\_\_\_\_ for which we hunger and thirst.
    - b. They have r\_\_\_\_\_ the One whom we seek to f\_\_\_\_\_.
    - c. Ultimately u\_\_\_\_\_ r\_\_\_\_\_ Christians because they r\_\_\_\_\_ Christ and the One who sent Him. (*Application:* Yogi Berra's great caveat: \_\_\_\_\_)
  3. Persecution is the i\_\_\_\_\_ clash of irreconcilable w\_\_\_\_\_.

