

“Blessed: The Beatitudes For Real Life”

Matthew 5:1-10

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I. “Beatitude” – *beauty*; Latin meaning *to make happy*.

“Blessed” – Greek “*Makarios*”: joy contained within itself
Happiness - contains the root *hap* which means *chance*.

II. BLESSING: Our Definition: *The pleasures of God that satisfy the soul.*

III. Today’s MESSAGE: *Be blessed...and be a blessing!*

IV. “Kingdom of Heaven” – Principle theme in Jesus’ teaching...the future begins NOW! Matt. 4:17; 5:2; 6:23 etc.

A. Jesus’ kingdom teaching threatened Roman gov’t.

V. Stories – Jesus primary way of explaining the kingdom.

A. Sower and the Seed, Wheat and Weeds, Mustard Seed, Yeast in the dough, Treasure in the Field, etc. etc.

B. “**Prodigal Son**” – Both sons were living in the *blessing* of their inheritance, but thought it would be better apart from relationship with their father.

VI. There is an opposing kingdom too!

A. Satan, the god of this world’s kingdom...for now!

B. Jesus said we must “repent” and turn from living in one kingdom, to the living blessed in the other.

VII. RESPONSE: So... BE BLESSED and be a blessing!

** Enjoy the pleasures of God that satisfy the soul!*

Westminster Catechism: The chief end of man is to glorify God and ENJOY him forever.

A. **Focus on ONE BLESSING everyday, and pass it on!**

B. **Read Matt. 5:3 everyday, and pray for it to be true in your life!**